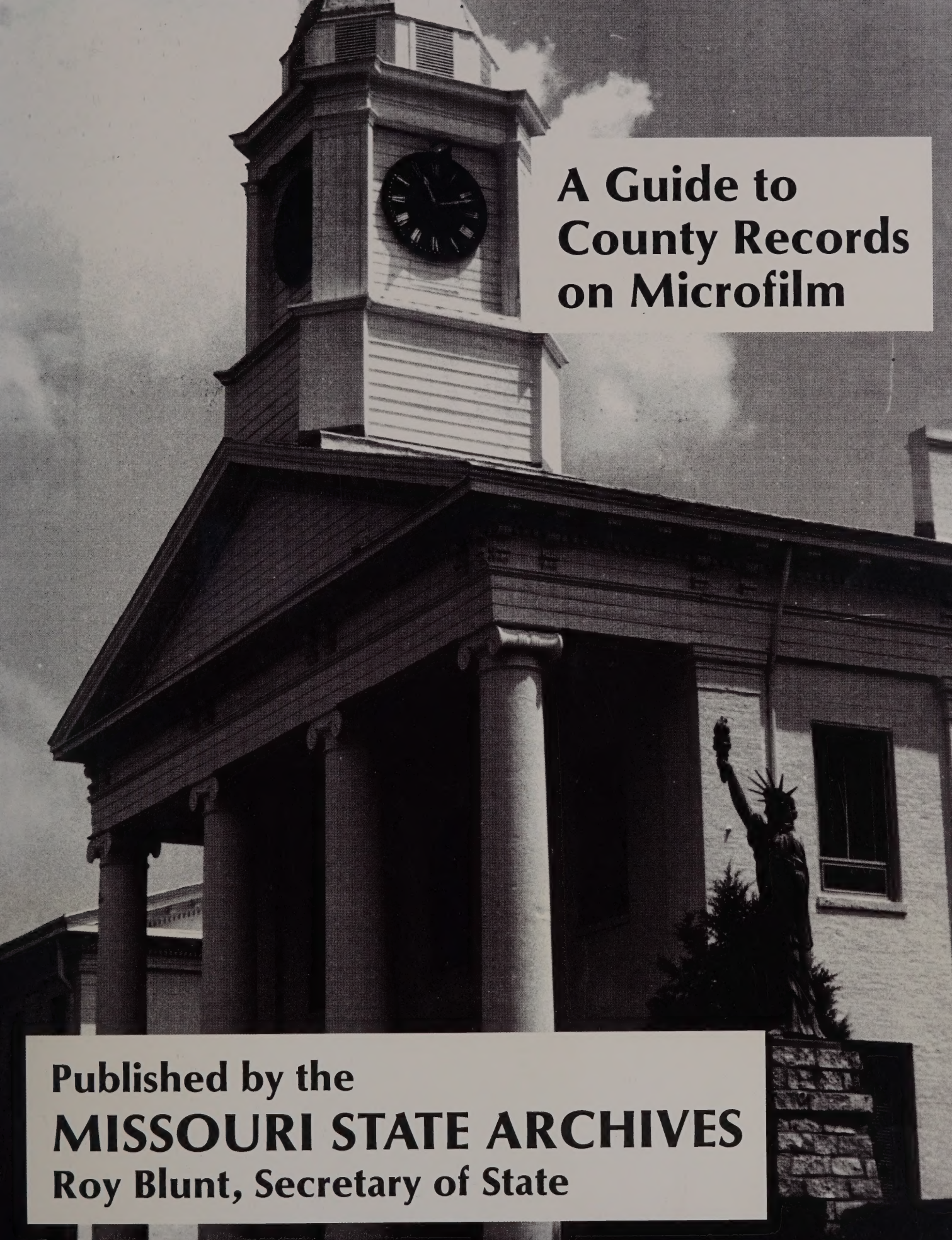

A Guide to County Records on Microfilm

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For nearly 25 years, the Missouri State Archives has served as a depository for state and local governmental records of permanent legal, administrative and historical value. Dating from the 1770's to the present, these records include census reports, land titles, marriage records, election returns, court cases and much much more.

As Secretary of State, it is my duty to insure the preservation of these records, to establish control over them and to make them fully available to government officials, to scholars and to the general public. I am proud to present the people of Missouri with this guide to the county records available on microfilm at the State Archives.

I believe the records will be of interest and practical value to any citizen who desires to better understand and make use of the historical legacy of the Great State of Missouri.

We invite your suggestions and comments.

Sincerely,

Roy D. Blunt

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Secretary of State

Foreword

Local governmental records are one of the lifebloods of American democracy. Drawn from the grassroots foundation of representative government and reflecting the nation's pluralism within a republican framework, local records illuminate our past, promote the efficient functioning of government and help to safeguard our rights and liberties. Where these records are lost, neglected, or sequestered, the people suffer. In their preservation and availability lies a challenge for custodians and users alike.

Missouri seeks to meet this challenge, in part, by making microfilmed copies of county records available to researchers at the Missouri State Archives. Missouri's counties are endlessly intriguing. County records contain a wealth of information for researchers. For instance, county probate records summarize and mirror people's lives. They can tell about the houses people lived in, the housewares and furniture they used and the tools and livestock they owned. They can tell about relationships within the family, both nuclear and extended, about gender roles and about race relations. Deed records help trace movement and, of course, marriage records provide invaluable maiden names.

These records serve as our connecting link to the past. Without them we could not know from whence we came.

Gary R. Kremer
State Archivist

Introduction

The Missouri Archives Bulletin provides a general guide to county records available on microfilm at the Missouri State Archives. This bulletin updates the 1985 ***Guide to County Records on Microfilm***. The majority of the records listed were filmed by the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) in cooperation with the Office of Secretary of State. Additional records were filmed by the Missouri State Archives as part of an ongoing Judicial Records Microfilming Project in conjunction with the Missouri Supreme Court. Generally, the records range from the date of the organization of the county through 1900. Actual dates vary from county to county due to courthouse fires, floods and other forms of destruction and neglect.

The bulletin is divided into two sections. The **Description of County Records** contains a chronological list showing the dates of organization for all counties, a county outline map of Missouri, a description of the record series listed and a brief discussion of federal and state census records available.

The **Listing of County Records** is arranged alphabetically by county and thereunder by office of origin. Generally the records of the following offices were filmed for each county: Recorder of Deeds, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Clerk of the Probate Court. In addition, some of the records of the Clerk of the County Court, the Chancery Court, the Court of Common Pleas, the County Assesssor and the County Superintendent of Schools were filmed when available. Although some counties have combined the duties of the Clerk of the Circuit Court with those of the Recorder, the records of both offices have been listed separately for clarity.

Under each county office, the records have been grouped into large general series. For example, under the Clerk of the Probate Court, series were established for probate records, will records and the appropriate indexes. In the few instances where a general grouping appeared inappropriate, separate series were established as needed.

Span dates have been included for each series without further breakdown; however, gaps do exist within certain series. Although distinct sub-series could have been identified, the inconsistency of record keeping procedures in each county effectively prevented such an approach. For example, deed records, unless otherwise noted, include warranty, quitclaim, trust and mortgage deeds. Although the deeds may cover the period, 1841-1907; the mortgage deeds may cover only the

period, 1893-1906; the warranty deeds 1841-1894; the quitclaim deeds 1879-1907. A similar example would be the probate records which include letters of administration, executor's and administrator's bonds, appraisals, inventories and estate settlement records of varying dates within those indicated for the general series.

In addition to the record series listing for each couny are two maps: (1) a key map showing the relative location of the county in Missouri; and (2) a township boundary map for the county based on the 1980 census.

This issue of the ***Guide to County Records on Microfilm*** was prepared under the supervision of Patricia Luebbert, with the assistance of archives staff members Connie Reichart and Joanna Schudy and summer staffers Susan Pearl, Lou Ellen Rich and Tammy Smith.

The Missouri State Archives was created in 1965 by an act of the 73rd General Assembly. The act established the Records Management and Archives Services as a division of the Office of Secretary of State. In 1972, the 76th General Assembly extended the Records Act to include local government.

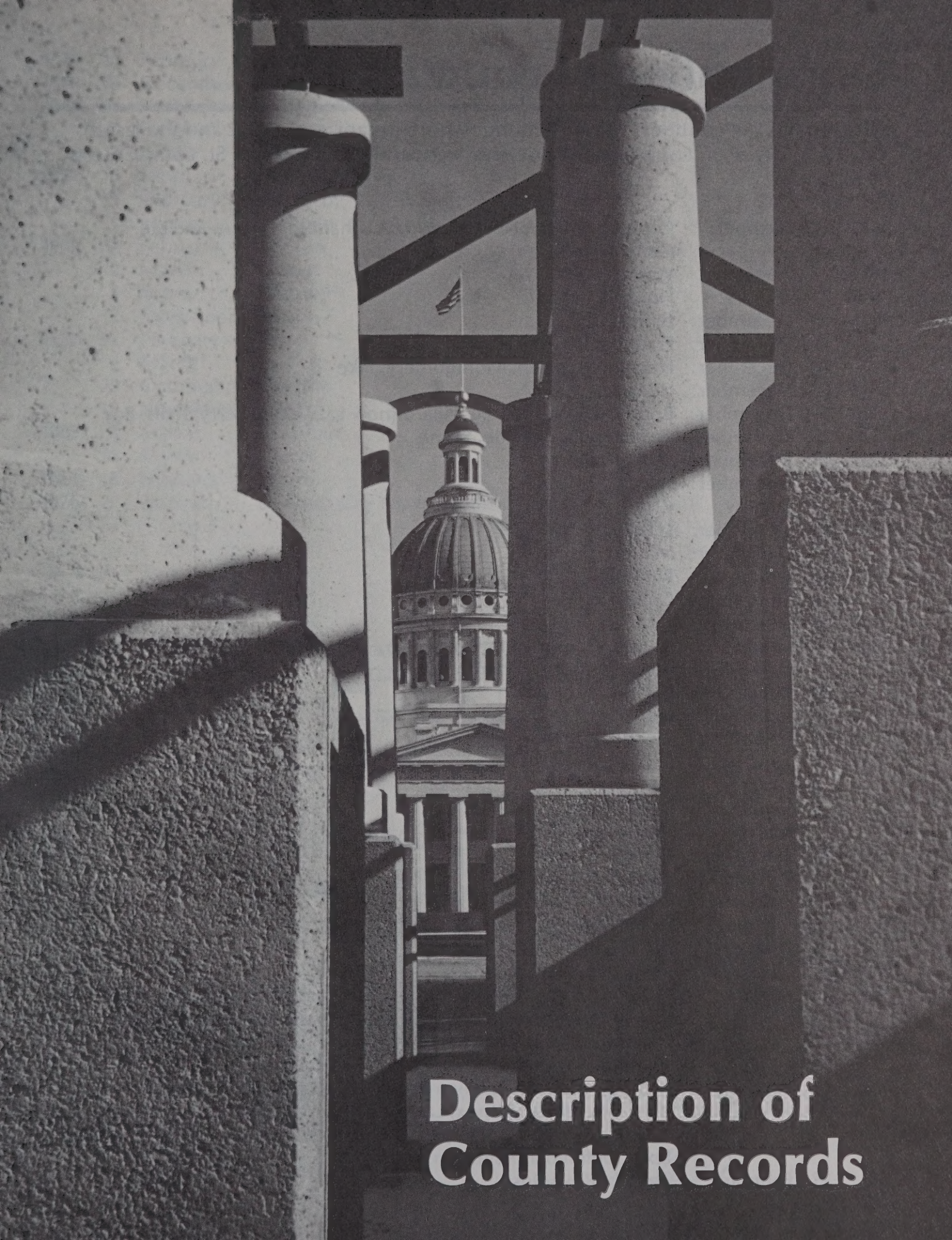
The Archive's stacks hold 11,700 cubic feet of records. The Records Center has a capacity of approximately 100,000 cubic feet of records, including 30,000 cubic feet considered to be of permanent historical value.

The purpose of the Archives is to preserve the historically valuable records of state and local government in Missouri and make them available for research.

The **primary finding aid** for the Archives is the Descriptive Inventory which describes records at the series level for each established record group.

Under the provisions of the Public Records Law (Revised Statutes of Missouri, Chapter 109, Rev. 1978) public records are open and available for research. Certain records are restricted by statute to protect the privacy of individuals and to prevent misuse of information gathered by the State of Missouri.

Most records held by the archives are available to researchers. Archival records may not be removed from the Archives and Records Center. Research requests may be made to the Archives in person or by writing to the Missouri State Archives, P.O. Box 778, Jefferson City, MO 65102.



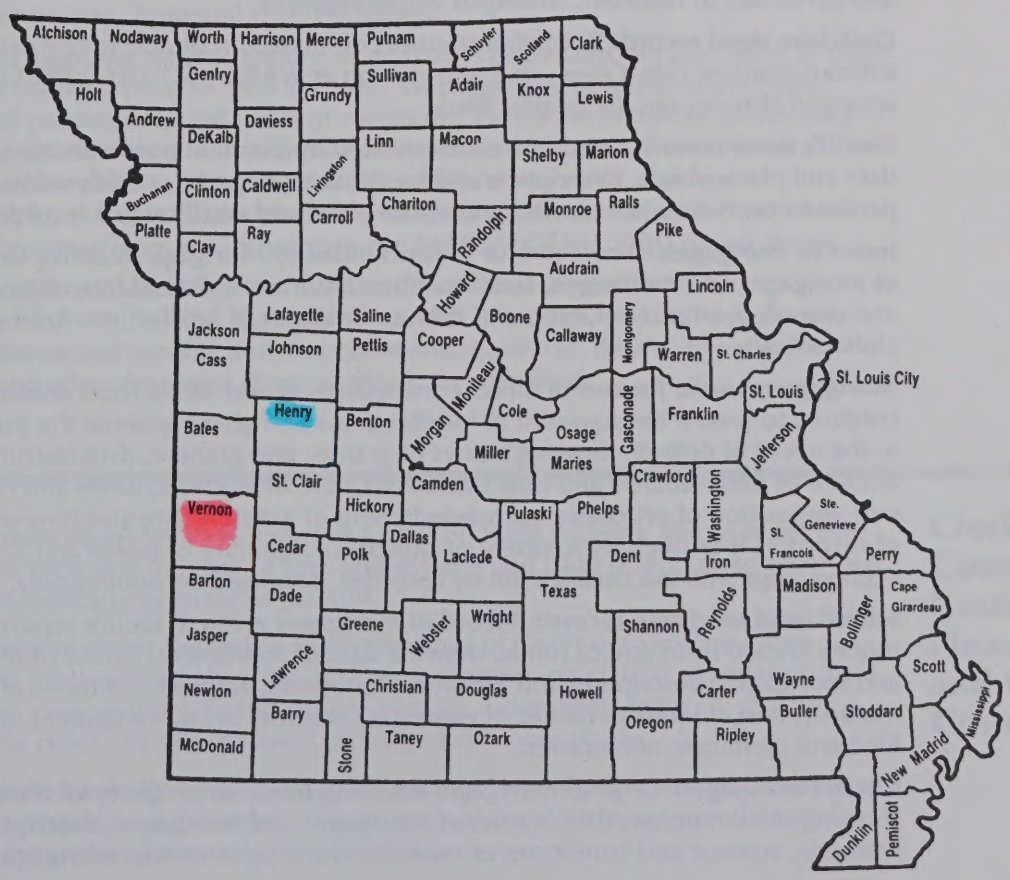
Description of County Records

Organization of counties

Missouri has 114 counties. The first counties were organized in 1812 and the last in 1861. The City of St. Louis became a separate governing entity from St. Louis County in 1876.

1812-	1	October:	Cape Girardeau, New Madrid, St. Charles, St. Louis and Ste. Genevieve
1813-	21	August:	Washington
1816-	23	January:	Howard
1818-	8	December:	Jefferson
	11	December:	Franklin, Wayne
	14	December:	Lincoln, Madison, Montgomery, Pike
	17	December:	Cooper
1820-	16	November:	Boone, Chariton, Cole, Lillard (now Lafayette), Perry, Ralls, Ray
	25	November:	Callaway, Gasconade, Saline
1821-	19	December:	St. Francois
	28	December:	Scott
1822-	2	January:	Clay
1826-	15	December:	Jackson
	23	December:	Marion
1819-	22	January:	Randolph
	23	January:	Crawford
1831-	6	January:	Monroe
1833-	2	January:	Carroll, Clinton, Greene, Lewis
	5	January:	Morgan, Ripley, Warren
	19	January:	Pulaski
	26	January:	Pettis
1834-	13	December:	Rives (later Henry), Johnson
1835-	2	January:	Shelby, Stoddard
	3	January:	Benton
	5	January:	Barry, Polk
	3	March:	Van Buren (later Cass)
1836-	16	December:	Clark
	17	December:	Audrain
	29	December:	Caldwell, Daviess
1837-	6	January:	Linn, Livingston, Macon, Taney
	6	February:	Miller
1838-	31	December:	Buchanan, Newton, Platte
1841-	29	January:	Adair, Andrew, Bates, Dade, Grundy, Jasper, Kinderhook (later Camden), Niangua (later Dallas), Nodaway (later Holt), Osage, Ozark (later Decatur, then Ozark again), St. Clair, Scotland, Shannon, Wright
1845-	14	February:	Atchison (defined as Allen in 1843), Cedar, Dunklin, Gentry, Harrison, Hickory, Knox, Lawrence, Mercer, Mississippi, Moniteau, Nodaway, Oregon, Schuyler, Sullivan (defined as Highland in 1843), Texas (defined as Ashley in 1843)
	25	February:	DeKalb, Reynolds

1845-	28	February:	Putnam
1846-	18	December:	Dodge (abolished and added to Putnam in 1853)
1849-	24	February:	Laclede
	27	February:	Butler
	3	March:	McDonald (defined as Seneca in 1847)
1851-	10	February:	Dent, Stone
	19	February:	Pemiscot
	1	March:	Bollinger
1855-	27	February:	Vernon
	2	March:	Maries
	3	March:	Webster
	12	December:	Barton
1857-	17	February:	Iron
	2	March:	Howell
	29	October:	Douglas
	13	November:	Phelps
1859-	8	March:	Christian
	10	March:	Carter
1861-	8	February:	Worth
1876-	22	August:	St. Louis City separated from county



Description of record series

The following county record series descriptions have been included to help the potential user make maximum use of the records listed in Part II. The series are arranged by office of origin and reflect the statutory duties of each county official.

Recorder of deeds

Direct index to deeds: Abstract of and index to record of deeds including warranty deeds, quitclaim deeds, sheriff's deeds, guardians' deeds, administrators' and executors' deeds, railroad deeds, miscellaneous deeds, deeds of trust and deeds of release. Gives the name(s) of the grantor and grantee, date and nature of instrument, consideration, description of property, date filed and volume and page number where record may be found. Arranged alphabetically by the surname of the grantor.

Indirect index to deeds: Same as the DIRECT INDEX except arranged alphabetically by the surname of the grantee.

Record of deeds: Transcript of deeds conveying real estate. Gives names of grantor and grantee, description and location of property, consideration, dates of transfer and filing, acknowledgment and certificate of recorder. Includes warranty deeds, quitclaim deeds, deeds of trust, sheriff's deeds, etc. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Warranty deed record: Record of deeds conveying and warranting title in fee simple to real estate showing date of deed, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of property, signature of grantor(s), acknowledgment, date filed and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Administrators' deeds: Record of appraisal and sale of property of deceased persons by administrators, giving name of estate, date of appraisement and sale, consideration, description of property, authority to sell, name of administrator, date and time filed and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically.

Quitclaim deed record: Record of transfers of interest in or title to real property without granting title. Gives same information as WARRANTY DEED RECORD and arranged chronologically by date filed.

Sheriff's deed record: Deeds to real estate sold by sheriff at public auction, showing date and place of sale, description and location of property, consideration, grantee and parties to execution, acknowledgment, date filed and certificate of recorder.

Index to mortgages: Direct and/or indirect index to Mortgage Records, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, serial number, nature and date of instrument, dates filed and recorded, amount of debt, and date and manner of satisfaction. Arranged alphabetically.

Mortgage records: Record of direct conveyances of real estate from debtors to creditors to secure the payment of indebtedness and giving grantee the power to sell in the event of default, showing names of grantor and grantee, date instrument, amount of debt secured and how evidenced, date of maturity, terms and conditions of sale, disposition of proceeds, acknowledgment of grantor, date and time of filing, name of recorder; if satisfied by payment or quitclaim, signature of payee and acknowledgment and certification by recorder. Arranged chronologically.

School fund mortgage record: Record of mortgages given to secure repayment of money loaned from school funds, showing date of instrument, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of property, amount and terms of loan maturity, rate of interest, names of witnesses, statutory acknowledgment, date and time filed and certificate of recorder.

Chattel mortgages: Original mortgages covering personal property filed with recorder, showing serial number, date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, amount and conditions of note, maturity, signatures of mortgagor and

recorder and date and time filed.

Deeds of trust: Record of conveyances of real estate to a trustee as security for the repayment of money loaned, showing date; names of grantor, grantee, trustee and beneficiary; description and amount of note, description and location of property, terms of instrument, maturity, acknowledgment, date filed and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Patent records: Record of land patents issued, showing date of instrument, names of Governor and grantee, attestation by Secretary of State, description and location of property, consideration, date and time filed and name of recorder.

Plat book: Plat book shows location of all land in county by section township and range number and in towns and cities by lot and block numbers, with name of owner and road and school district in which located, number of acres or dimensions of tract or lot and survey number.

Index to marriage record: Gives name of contracting parties, date filed and volume and page where recorded. May include license number for later years. Usually arranged alphabetically by surname of groom and then alphabetically by surname of bride.

Marriage record: Record of marriages performed, giving names and residence of contracting parties, date of marriage, signature of party officiating, date of filing and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically by date filed. Parental consent is noted for parties under age, but the name of parent consenting is rarely given. Later records include marriage license and certificate of marriage.

Application for marriage licenses: Applications for license to marry, showing date, names, residences and ages of contracting parties, consent of parent or guardian of minor and signatures of applicants.

Register of marriage licenses: Record of certificates of marriages performed and marriage licenses issued and returns on same, giving names, ages, witnesses, person officiating, residences of both parties, name and address of parent or guardian and date and place of ceremony. Arranged chronologically.

Negro/colored marriage record: Record of marriages of persons of color, held as slaves in the State of Missouri prior to 1865 and who lived together as husband and wife. Gives names of parties, date and place of ceremony, certificate of officer performing ceremony, names of living children and of descendants of deceased children of the parties born before the ceremony of marriage and date recorded. Arranged chronologically by the date filed and usually indexed within the volume. If not listed separately, negro marriages are included in the MARRIAGE RECORD noted above.

Military discharge records: Record of certification of discharge from the armed services giving name, enlistment record, date and reason for discharge, physical description, places of residence and service, name of commanding officer, date of filing and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court

Index to common pleas: Index to Court of Common Pleas showing names of plaintiff and defendant, style and number of case and volume and page reference to recording. Arranged alphabetically by name of plaintiff.

Record of common pleas: Record of all proceedings of Court of Common Pleas prepared from minute book, showing date, term of court, officials in attendance, style and number of case, motions heard, orders granted, judgements entered, all other action taken by court and adjournment. Arranged chronologically.

Chancery minute book: Proceedings in cases tried before circuit court in chancery without jury, giving title and number of case, term of court, date, action taken and signature of chancellor. Arranged chronologically.

Clerk of the County Court

Permanent record of births: A permanent record of births giving the same information as found in the REGISTER, but arranged alphabetically by the surname of the child.

Register of births and stillbirths: Register of births and stillbirths, giving name of child, date and place of birth, sex and race; nationality, residence and ages of parents, occupation and full name of father, maiden name of mother, name and address of medical or other attendant making return; name of undertaker and place of burial in case of still birth. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Permanent record of deaths: A permanent record of deaths giving the same information as found in the REGISTER, but arranged alphabetically by the surname of the deceased.

Register of deaths: Record shows date of report, name, sex, color, age, occupation, marital status, nationality, birthplace, date, place and cause of death, date and place of burial, name and address of undertaker and physician returning certificate. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

County court record: Record of proceedings of the county court, showing date and place of meeting, names of officials present, action taken on all county business, adjournment and signature of presiding judge. Arranged chronologically by date of meeting.

Right-of-way and road records: Transcript of instruments releasing and quitclaiming to the State rights-of-way for State highways, showing date, name of grantor, the State of Missouri as grantee, description of land by township, section, range and road district numbers, signature of grantor, acknowledgment, date filed and recorder's certificate. Arranged chronologically.

Surveyor's record: Field notes and plats made by the county surveyor, showing number and date of survey, for whom made, chainmen sworn, points established, range, township, section and principal meridian numbers, signature and seal of presiding judge, attestation by county clerk, date recorded and signature of recorder. Arranged chronologically.

County treasurer's records: May include any records kept by the county tresurer as required by law. Types of records may include cash books, treasurers ledgers, accounts with banks, returned checks, bond records, records of revenue collected, township school funds, school bond records, treasurer's apportionment records, treasurer's road fund records and fees and costs.

Bond and commission record: Record of commissions issued and bonds given by public officials. Gives date of commission, title of office, term, name of issuing officer, date and copy of oath, date, amount and condition of bond, names of principal and sureties and signatures of presiding judge and county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date of filing.

Record of marks and brands: Complete record of marks and brands for livestock. Gives name and address of owner, description of brand or mark, filing date and signature of clerk of county court. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Wolf scalp receipts: Record of bounties paid on wolf scalps, showing date, by whom and number presented, amount of bounty paid, to whom and date or term of court when paid. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Estray record: Record of stray livestock taken up. Gives oath of finder, date taken up and where, name of township, kind of animal, marks and description, date of affidavit, certificate of appraisers, appraised value, proof of publication and names of finder and appraisers. Signature of Justice of Peace. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Assessment records: Records of assessments against real estate, showing name of owner, number of acres, legal description of property, amounts of various state and county levies, original valuation by assessor and as adjusted by boards of equalization, total amount to tax, date assessed and affidavit by county assessor certifying that

assessments are in accordance with sworn declarations of persons assessed and embrace all taxable land in the county.

Tax books: Record of real and personal property taxes, giving name, description of property, total valuation by assessor and county and state boards of equalization, allocation to various state and county funds, total tax and date paid.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Naturalization petitions (included in record)/petitions for citizenship: Petitions for foreign-born persons to be admitted as citizens of the United States, giving name of petitioner, residence, occupation, date and place of birth, point of emigration, date, port of arrival, name of vessel, date and place of filing of original declaration, whether married or single; wife's name, place of birth and residence; number of children, date, place of birth and residence of each; oath of allegiance, time of residence in the United States, certificate of Department of Labor, date of petition, prayer and signature of petitioner and circuit clerk's action.

Naturalization record/declaration of intention: Original declarations of intentions to become citizens of the United States filed in circuit court by foreign-born persons, giving name of applicant, age, personal description, occupation, place and date of birth, race, present address, point of emigration, name of vessel, last foreign residence, oath of allegiance, date and port of arrival, signatures of declarant and circuit clerk. Also includes petitions. Arranged chronologically.

Certificates of naturalization: Stubs of certificates of naturalization issued to accepted petitioners. Gives certificate number, name and age of applicant, date of petition; name, age and address of wife; names, ages and addresses of minor children; date of court order and signature of applicant. Arranged numerically by certificate number.

Certificates of declaration and allegiance: Certificates of declaration and allegiance to the United States by persons desiring to become citizens. Gives name of applicant, date of certificate, place of birth, date of entry into United States, oath, acknowledgment, signature and seal of circuit clerk and date filed. Arranged chronologically.

Citizenship petitions granted: Record of certificates of naturalization issued to accepted petitioners. Gives certificate number, name and age of petitioner, petition number and date, change of name granted, date of court order and signature of circuit judge. Arranged chronologically or numerically by certificate number.

Index to civil and criminal papers (case files): Alphabetical index for all circuit court cases filed. Gives date filed, term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, case number and where filed. Arranged alphabetically. Civil cases by name of plaintiff and criminal cases by name of defendant.

General direct index: Abstract of and alphabetical index to circuit court civil records and files. Contains references to case files, circuit court record, order of publication, divorces, adoption record. Gives number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, date and cause of action, final disposition, volume and page where proceedings and fees are recorded and designation of location where files are maintained. Arranged alphabetically by name of plaintiff.

Index to circuit court records: Alphabetical index to circuit court record; juvenile court record; judgment docket; abstract of executions; fee book (civil & criminal); and tax fee books. Gives title and number of case, date of filing, cause of action, volume and page where recorded and final disposition. Arranged alphabetically by title of case.

Direct and indirect index to circuit court records: Alphabetical index gives names of parties, number of case, term of court, date, volume and page number where recorded. Plaintiff and defendants names arranged alphabetically.

Index to criminal records: Alphabetical index to criminal case records and files in circuit court. Contains references to case files, circuit court record. Gives case number, name of defendant, nature of offense, volume and page where proceedings and costs

are recorded, disposition, date and location of files. Arranged alphabetically by name of defendant.

Minutes circuit court/minutes of circuit court—civil division, minutes of circuit court—criminal division, minute books, circuit court minutes: Proceedings noted at sessions of the circuit court later transferred to the circuit court record. Includes date, officials in attendance, style and number of case, proceedings and adjournment. Arranged chronologically.

Circuit court record/circuit court record—criminal division, criminal court record: Permanent record of proceedings of circuit court in civil and criminal cases. Includes term of court, date, officials in attendance, number and style of case, detailed statement in formal language of any proceedings, motions, judgments or any other action taken and adjournment. Arranged chronologically.

Abstract of circuit court record: Abstract of civil and criminal cases in circuit court. Gives number of case, names of parties, type of action, pleadings, notions, judgments rendered and book and page where recorded. Arranged numerically by case number.

Index to judgment docket/index to judgment and decree docket: Alphabetical index to judgment docket (abstract). Gives date, name of judgment debtor, number of case, volume and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of judgment debtor.

Judgment docket (abstract)/judgment and decree docket: Abstract record of final judgments and decrees rendered in circuit court. Gives number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, term of court, date and nature of judgment or decree, amount of debt, damages or costs and entry of satisfaction or other disposition. May also contain abstracts of executions. Arranged chronologically.

Judgment docket: Record of all judgments rendered in circuit court. Gives date, style and number of case, in whose favor and against whom rendered, amount of judgment and book and page number where recorded. Arranged chronologically. Indexed alphabetically by name of judgment debtor.

Circuit court record (divorce): Record of divorces granted. Gives term, date, names of plaintiff and defendant, case number, proceedings and disposition of case. Arranged chronologically.

Clerk of the Probate Court

General index to probate court records: Numerical index to and abstract of estates. Index contains citations to PROBATE COURT PAPERS, PROBATE COURT RECORD, EXECUTORS BONDS, LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, INVENTORIES, SALE BILLS, GUARDIAN AND CURATOR APPOINTMENTS AND INVENTORIES. Gives name and number of estate, term, date, nature of proceedings, court orders, volume and page where recorded and date filed. Arranged numerically by estate number.

Index to general index to probate court records: Alphabetical index of estates. Gives name and number of estate, volume and page in the general index. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Index to probate court record: Alphabetical index showing name and number of estate and volume and page number where entry is recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Index to probate papers/index to files: Alphabetical index to probate court files. Gives name and number of estate, name of person appointed to administer estate, dates of appointment and discharge and location of files. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Probate minute book: Memoranda of proceedings of the probate court noted at sessions and later transferred to Probate Court Record. Gives term, date of session, name and number of estate, name of executor, administrator, guardian or curator, business transacted and signature of probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

Probate court record: Complete record of all proceedings in estates administered in probate court. Gives term, date, name and number of estate, nature of proceedings or order made and signature of probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

Probate papers (case files)/probate files: Original files in the administration of estates containing applications for letters (testamentary, of administration or of guardianship), bonds and oaths of persons appointed, settlements, claims allowed or rejected and other papers in probate matters assembled in separate folders under names of estates. Arranged chronologically. (Also arranged in some cases by estate number.)

Index to record of administrators, executors and guardians: Alphabetical index giving name of estate, name of administrator, executor, guardian, or curator, book and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Applications letters and bonds/administrator's and executor's letters: Record of applications for letters of administration and letters testamentary, giving name of deceased, date of death, names, residences and relationship of heirs-at-law, legatees and devisees, appointment of administrator or executor, date appointed, names of witnesses to inventory and bond and oath of person so appointed, giving names of principal and sureties, date of oath and execution of bond, signature of probate judge and date of filing. Arranged chronologically.

Letters of administration/administrators' bonds and letters: Record of letters of administration granted. Gives number of estate, name of decedent and last residence, name of administrator, date appointed, names of witnesses for inventory, signature of clerk and seal of court; amount, date and conditions of bond, names of principal and securities and dates approved and recorded. Arranged chronologically.

Executors' bonds and letters testamentary: Record of letters testamentary. Gives name of deceased testator, number of estate, name of person appointed executor, date of appointment, signature of probate judge or clerk and seal of court, oath of appointee; and bond to the state of Missouri showing date of executor and sureties, amount, conditions, approval and date recorded. Arranged chronologically.

Appointments and bonds of administrators (with will annexed and *de bonis non*)**:** Record of appointments by the probate court of persons other than those named as executors and of person to complete administration of estates which had not been fully administered. Gives name of deceased, number of estate, date and reason for appointment, name of appointee, authorization to administer estate, signature of clerk, seal of court; oath and bond of appointee, showing names of principal and sureties, amount, approval by court and dates of execution and filing. Arranged chronologically.

Bonds/guardians' and curators' bonds: Original bonds and oaths of administrators, executors, guardians and curators, giving names of principal and surety, date, amount and conditions, date of approval, name of probate clerk and date filed. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Record of bonds/administrators' and executors' bonds: Record of bonds and oaths filed. Gives names of principal and surety, date, amount and conditions, date of approval, name of probate clerk and date filed. Arranged chronologically.

Inventory and appraisement record/executors' and administrators' inventories, certificates and affidavits, record of inventories, appraisements and sale bills: Record of inventory and appraisement of all real and personal property belonging to estates of decedents, giving description and appraised value of property, date of inventory and appraisal, names and oaths of witnesses to inventory, appraisers and executor or administrator, date filed for record and signature of probate judge. Arranged chronologically. (Title varies, may be called JOURNAL and may also include SALE BILL RECORD.)

Sale bill record/public sale of personal property, private sale of personal property, account of sale: Record of sale clerk's accounts of sales of personal property belonging to estates filed by executor or administrator. Gives name and number of estate, date of order, date and place of sale, articles sold, to whom, sale price of each, name of sale clerk and date report filed. rranged chronologically. (Sometimes included in INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT RECORD.)

Index to settlement record: Alphabetical index to settlement records, giving name of estate, date of settlement and book and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Settlement record/administrators' and executors' settlements: Record of semiannual, annual and final settlements of estates administered in probate court. Gives names of estate, executor or administrator, guardian or curator, number of voucher, total debits and credits, balance due estate or distribution made, affidavit of person making settlement, name of probate clerk and date filed. Arranged chronologically by term of court.

Administrator's notice (of appointment): Notice of appointment of administrators, executors, guardians and curators with proof of publication, giving name of estate, date of appointment, affidavit of publisher of newspaper in which published, giving dates and number of issues in which notice appeared. Arranged chronologically.

Administrators' notice of final settlement: Record of notices published of intention to file a final settlement of estate by administrator or executor, giving name of estate, date to be filed, affidavit of publisher, name of newspaper and dates of publication. Arranged chronologically.

Notices and publishers' affidavits/administrators', executors' and guardians' notice: Record of notices pertaining to administration of estates including notice of letters by executors and administrators of all types, public administrator's notice of taking charge of estates. Gives number of estate, name of decedent, date of appointment, name and designation of representative, attestation by judge or clerk, term of court at which final settlement will be made, date of notice, copy of docket showing dates on which settlements are due; affidavit of publisher, showing date and name of newspaper in which published. Arranged chronologically.

Orders of publication: Petitions by administrators or executors of estates for order of sale of real estate to pay debts or legacies. Gives name and number of estate, date and term of court, name of administrator, dates of petition and order of publication, affidavit of publisher, giving name of newspaper and dates of publication of notice of sale. Arranged alphabetically by name of deceased, or chronologically by date of order.

Application for appointment as guardian and curator of minor/record of applications for guardian and curator: Record of applications for appointment as guardian or curator of minor, giving name of applicant, name of minor, age, residence of minor, estimated vlaue of his real and personal estimated property, names of parents, whether living or dead, dates of application and appointment and name of probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

Appointment of guardian and curator: Record of appointments of guardians and curators of minors and insane persons. Gives term of court, name, age and residence of ward, name and address of guardian or curator, date of appointment, amount of bond, names of sureties, date approved by probate court and name of probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

Index to guardians' and curators' inventory and appraisement: Alphabetical index to inventory and appraisement record. Gives name of estate, guardian or curator book and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Guardians' and curators' inventory and appraisement/inventory and appraisement-minor and insane: Record of guardians' and curators' inventory and appraisement of all property belonging to estates of minors and persons of unsound mind. Gives name of ward, number of estate, name and affidavit of guardian or curator, oath of witnesses and appraisers, appraised valuation and date filed. Arranged chronologically.

Index to guardians' and curators' settlement record: Alphabetical index to settlement record. Gives name and number of estate, name of guardian or curator, book and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Guardians' and curators' settlement record: Record of settlements filed in estates of minors and persons of unsound mind, gives name of guardian or curator, number and name of estate, term of court, date, balance at last settlement, amount of receipts and disbursements, balance on hand, affidavit of guardian or curator, name of probate judge and date filed. Arranged chronologically by term of court. (Discontinued as separate record.)

Index to abstract of demands: Alphabetical index gives name of estate, book and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Abstract of demands: Abstract of claims and demands allowed against estates of deceased persons. Gives name and number of estate, name of claimant, date allowed, class and amount. Arranged chronologically. (Title varies: ESTATE AND CLAIM DOCKET)

Probate court docket: Record of all cases to come before probate court. Gives name and number of estate, dates letters granted or appointments made, matter before the court, service had or orders made at last term, list of settlements due and orders entered at current term. Arranged chronologically.

Docket books (probate): Term docket. Gives term and date, number of estate, names of parties and attorneys, matter before the court, service had or order made at last term, list of settlements due and order entered at current term. Arranged chronologically.

Settlement docket: Term docket of settlements by administrators, executors, guardians or curators. Gives name and number of estate, date filed, name of person appointed to administer estate, number of settlement and date of each, order of court and name of attorney. Arranged chronologically by date of settlement.

Wills: Original wills filed for probate. Gives name and residence of testator, date of will, names of legatees and devisees, provisions of will, name of executor and attestation of witnesses. Arranged chronologically.

Record of wills: Record of wills probated, giving name of testator or testatrix, provisions of will, signature of witnesses and certificate of probate signed by probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

County Superintendent of Schools

County superintendent: May include School Directories, Organization of School Districts, Family Census Records, Techers Permanent Records, Records of School Business, Expense Accounts, Reports of County Superintendents to State Superintendent, State Department High School Reports, Rural and High School District Reports to County and State Superintendents, Teachers' Tenure Records, Teachers' Examination Graded, Examination and Certificate Records, Transcripts and Health Certificates of Teachers, State Teachers' Association Members, Permanent Record Card of Pupils, Delinquent Record Card, Transfer Cards, Enrollment Cards and lists of Graduates.

Federal Census

The Federal Government has taken a census of the population of the United States every ten (10) years since 1790. Each of these 21 census enumerations survive except the 1890 Schedules. Those were destroyed by fire in 1923 while in storage and prior to filming.

The first Federal census for the State of Missouri was the 1830 census. Missouri became a state in 1821 and was not enumerated until the 1830 census was taken. Federal censuses for Missouri which are available to the researcher at the present time are:

1830, 1840, 1850 and 1860;	(There is a printed index for each of the four.)
1870;	(No statewide index has been done for this one.)
1880, 1900 and 1910;	(Soundex, a type of statewide index, is available for these three.)

The Census Schedules for 1920, 1930, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980 and 1990 are not available to the public for use. Each census will be released by the Bureau of the Census at a date approximately 75 years from the date the census was taken, i.e. 1920 census released circa 1995. It is possible to request a search of these restricted censuses for one specific close family member, for a fee, if certain criteria can be met. To obtain a copy of their "Application for Search of Census Records" form and the necessary instructions, write to: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Pittsburgh, Kansas 66762.

Missouri Census

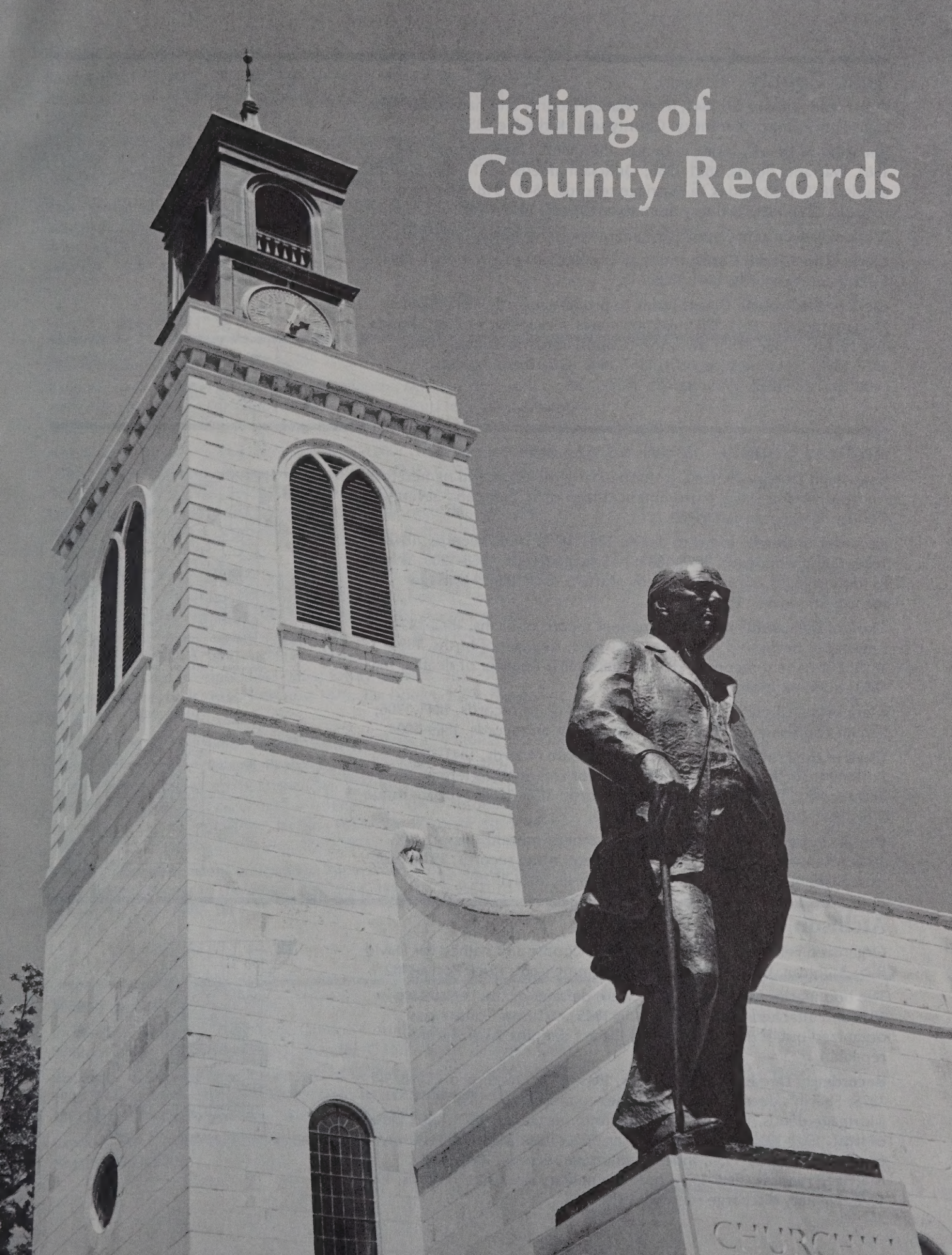
The need for statistical information about the population by the government of Missouri Territory resulted in the taking of a State census in the years 1814 and 1817. These census records listed only free white males. The next census was taken in 1821, the year statehood was achieved. Beginning in 1824 and following at four (4) year intervals through 1876 other state censuses were taken.

The Census Act of 1824 and thereafter required that the sheriffs or assessors submit abstracts of their returns to the Secretary of State and that they file the original returns with the Clerks of the County Courts. Only a very few of the State Censuses have survived. A list of these follows:

Census Year	County(ies)
1840	New Madrid, Newton, Pike, Randolph, Ray, *Rives (later Henry), Shelby, Stoddard and Warren.
1844	Callaway.
1868	Cape Girardeau.
1876	Benton, Callaway, *Cape Girardeau, *Christian, Greene, *Holt, *Howard, *McDonald, Montgomery, *Osage, Phelps, *Reynolds and St. Francois.

*Has been published, indexed or both.

Listing of County Records



Adair County (51 reels)

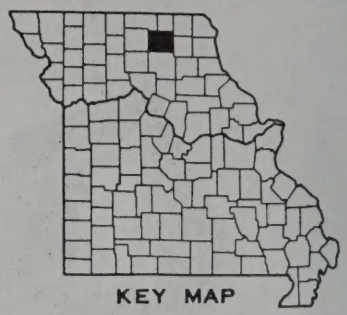
Organized January 29, 1841, from Macon County and named for John Adair, governor of Kentucky. County seat: Kirksville 63501.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1841-1887; Deed records, 1841-1883, Warranty deeds, 1871-1886; Quitclaim deeds, 1871-1888; Sheriffs' deeds, 1879-1888; Index to marriage records, 1841-1918; Marriage records, 1841-1916; Military discharge records, 1866-1890.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1841-1904; Circuit court records, 1841-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1841-1908; Probate records, 1841-1897; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1857-1868; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1877-1886; Settlement records, 1857-1908; Guardians'/curators' records, 1885-1887; Will records, 1857-1918.



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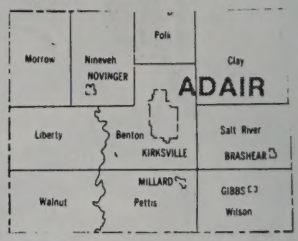

Andrew County (83 reels & 3,552 microfiche)

Organized January 29, 1841, from the Platte purchase and named for Andrew Jackson Davis, a prominent citizen of St. Louis and Savannah. County Seat: Savannah 64485.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1841-1889; Deed records, 1842-1886; Quitclaim deeds, 1875-1887; Mortgage deeds, 1868-1900; School fund mortgages, 1875-1899; Deeds of trust, 1875-1887; Marriage records and index, 1841-1915.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1893; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1891; Register of births, 1891-1895; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1893; Register of deaths, 1883-1893; Road petitions, no dates.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1841-1906; Circuit court records, 1841-1887; Naturalization records, 1869-1904.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1841-1976; Probate records, 1841-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1841-1902; Settlement records, 1873-1890; Probate estate files, 1840-1925; Will records, 1841-1918.

County Superintendent of Schools: Teachers' monthly report, 1907-1925;Attendance register, 1912-1925; Accounting records, 1919-1925; Miscellaneous correspondence and records, 1878-1925.

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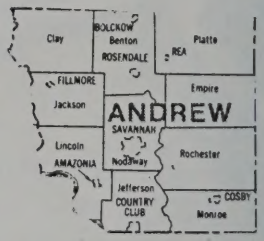

Atchison County (236 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Holt County and named for David Rice Atchison, United States senator. County seat: Rock Port 64482.

The boundaries for Allen County were defined by the Legislature in 1843 and attached to Holt County in 1845. Atchison County was organized out of this territory and the act defining Allen County repealed.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1845-1975; Deed records, 1845-1975; Sheriff's deeds, 1901-1933; Index to mortgages, 1859-1975; Mortgage deeds, 1859-1961; School fund mortgages, 1873-1882; Deeds of trust, 1901-1933; Oil and gas leases, 1928-1955; State right-of-way conveyances, 1926-1934; Index to marriage records, 1845-1937; Marriage records, 1845-1975; Index to military discharge records, 1919-1975; Military discharge records, 1919-1975.

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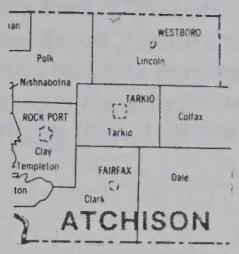
Clerk of the County Court: County court records, 1846-1975; Selective service records, 1941-1952; Right-of-way records, 1884-1948; Road record and index, 1873-1901; Surveyor's records, 1866-1918; County treasurer's records, 1966-1975.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1845-1976; Criminal case file index, 1845-1975; Civil case file index, 1845-1975; Judgment docket, 1929-1975; Divorce records, 1923-1937.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate court records, (no dates); Probate records, 1845-1975; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1891-1975; Settlement records, 1858-1975; Index to will records, 1845-1875; Will records, 1845-1975.



Audrain County (185 reels)

Organized December 17, 1836, from Callaway, Monroe and Ralls counties and named for James H. Audrain, Missouri legislator. County seat: Mexico 65265.

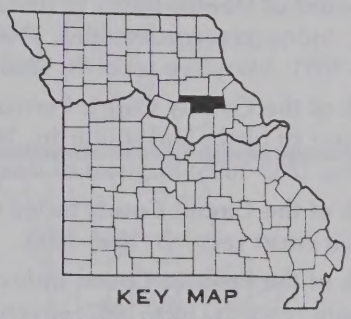
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1837-1900; Deed records, 1837-1891; General index to trusts and mortgages, 1837-1873; Index to marriage records, 1837-1975; Marriage records, 1837-1917; Record of marriages, 1899-1939; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1890; Military discharge records, 1865-1870; Soldiers memorial association, 1920-1929.

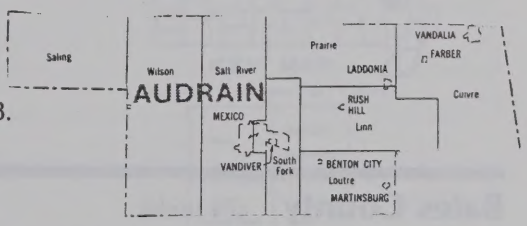
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1885; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1886; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1885; Register of deaths, 1883-1886; County court records, 1837-1866; County treasurer's records, 1837-1849; Commission record, 1837-1871; Record of marks and brands, 1837-1971; Wolf scalp receipts, 1843-1854; Estray records, 1837-1851; Assessment records, 1838-1864 and 1876; Tax books, 1869; Record of accounts, 1837-1849.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1837-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate court records, 1838-1897; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1837-1900; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1865-1919; Settlement records, 1863-1888; Guardian bonds, 1837-1920; Probate estate files, 1822-1908; Index to will records, 1880-1975; Will records, 1837-1925.

County Superintendent of Schools: Superintendent's correspondence, 1940-1955; Reports to the superintendent, 1935-1973; Record of rural school districts, 1897-1964.



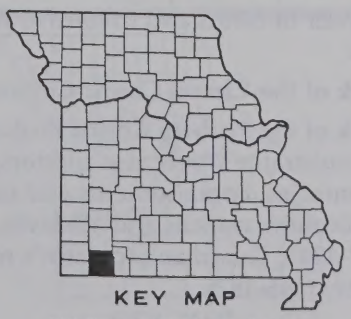


Barry County (40 reels)

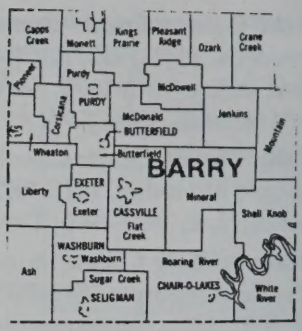
Organized January 5, 1835, from Greene County and named for William T. Barry, U.S. postmaster general. County seat: Cassville 65625.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1870-1887; Deed records, 1835-1903; Mortgage deeds, 1872-1897; Index to marriage records, 1837-1877 and 1902-1919; Marriage records, 1837-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births, 1883-1885; Register of deaths, 1883-1885.



Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1853-1891; Probate packets, 1842-1872; Probate minutes, 1867-1881; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1835-1893; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1856-1909; Settlement records, 1867-1893; Guardian's/curator's records, 1867-1885; Records of descendent and heirs, 1908-1917; Will records, 1871-1923.



Barton County (49 reels)

Organized December 12, 1855, from Jasper County and named for David Barton, United States senator. County seat: Lamar 64759.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1857-1888; Deed records, 1858-1912; Index to recorders files, 1866-1921; Index to marriage records, 1866-1891; Marriage records, 1866-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1894; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1896; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1895; Register of deaths, 1883-1899.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1866-1929; Circuit court records, 1866-1892.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1869-1923; Probate records, 1866-1887; Inventory, appraisements and sale bills, 1866-1900; Will records, 1867-1921.

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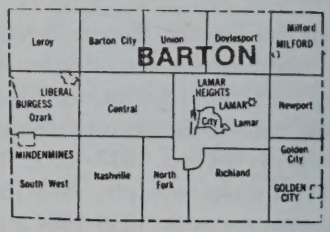


Bates County (74 reels)

Organized January 29, 1841 from Van Buren (later Cass) County and named for Frederick Bates, governor of Missouri. County seat: Butler 64730.

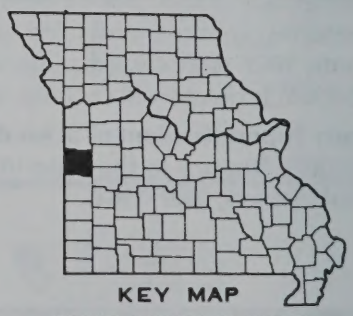
Courthouse burned in 1861.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1839-1887; Deed records, 1839-1930; Mortgage deeds, 1881-1897; Deeds of trust, 1881-1897; Marriage records and index, 1860-1919.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1886; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1907; Register of deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1858-1885.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1852-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1854-1905; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1865-1887; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1877-1912; Settlement records, 1877-1887; Guardian's/curator's records, 1871-1914; Will records and index, 1845-1926.



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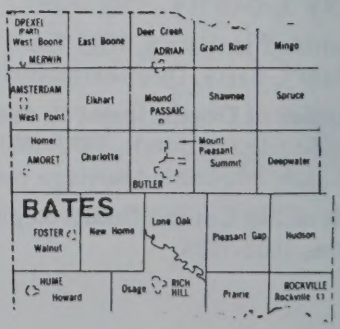


Benton County (50 reels)

Organized January 3, 1835, from Pettis and Greene counties and named for Thomas Hart Benton, United States senator. County seat: Warsaw 65355.

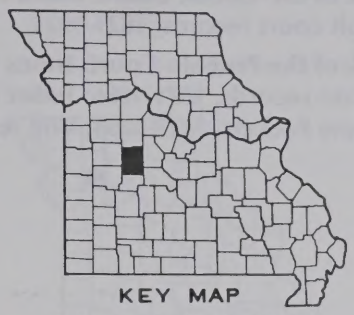
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1837-1889; Deed records, 1837-1910; Mortgage deeds, 1874-1881; Deeds of trust, 1874-1881; Marriage records and index, 1839-1921.

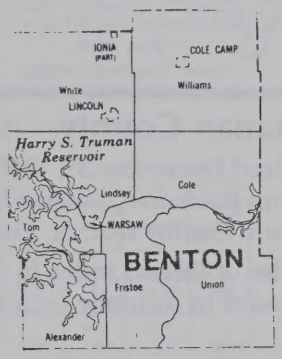
Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery records, 1838-1854.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1890; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1890; State census, 1876; Tax lists, (no dates).

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1835-1886; Index to circuit court papers, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1836-1870; Probate records, 1867-1894; Probate minutes, 1838-1846; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1839-1908; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1854-1905; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1873-1900; Settlement records, 1871-1896; Guardian's/curator's records, 1839-1908; Will records, 1839-1915.





Bollinger County (34 reels)

Organized March 1, 1851, from Cape Girardeau, Madison, Stoddard and Wayne counties and named for George F. Bollinger, pioneer settler and Missouri legislator. County seat: Marble Hill 63764.

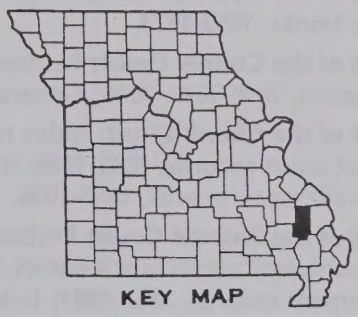
Courthouse burned in 1866 and 1884.

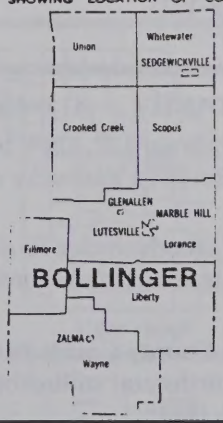
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1852-1888; Deed records, 1851-1932; Index to marriages, 1866-1919; Marriage records, 1865-1919.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1891; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1892.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1866-1890.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1866-1906; Probate records, 1866-1916; Will records, 1866-1924.

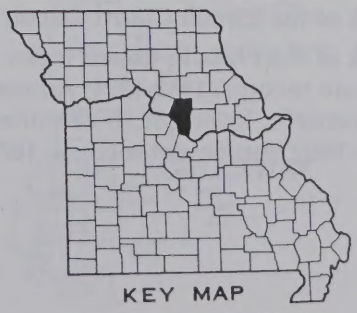




Boone County (105 reels)

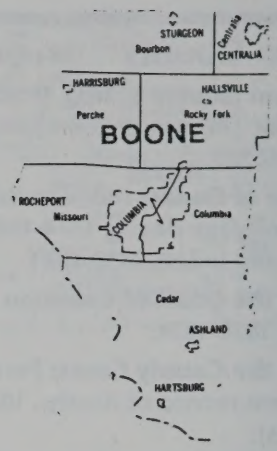
Organized November 16, 1820, (effective January 1, 1821) from Howard County and named for Daniel Boone. County seat: Columbia 65201.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1821-1890; Deed records, 1821-1886; Marriage records and index, 1821-1919; Negro marriages, 1865-1882.



Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1859-1935; Circuit court records, 1821-1925.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1821-1915; Probate records, 1871-1886; Index to probate packets, 1821-1853; Probate Packets, 1821-1853; Will records, 1821-1916.



Buchanan County (152 reels)

Organized December 31, 1838, from the Platte Purchase and named for James Buchanan, senator from Pennsylvania and later U. S. President. County seat: St. Joseph 64501.

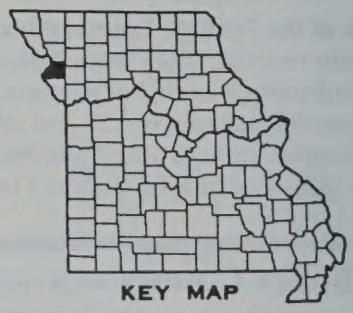
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1839-1890; Deed records, 1839-1889; Index to marriage records, 1839-1927; Marriage records, 1839-1916.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Court order books, 1853-1873.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1893; Tax books, 1840-1842, 1846; General Election, 1882-1884.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1869-1907; Circuit court records, 1839-1886; Index to naturalizations, 1839-1921; Naturalization records, 1867-1906.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1839-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1839-1907; Settlement records, 1862-1881; Index to will records, 1842-1921; Will records, 1839-1921.



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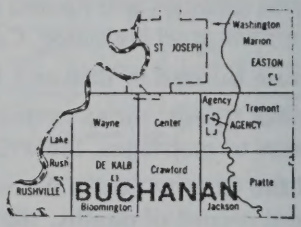


Butler County (41 reels)

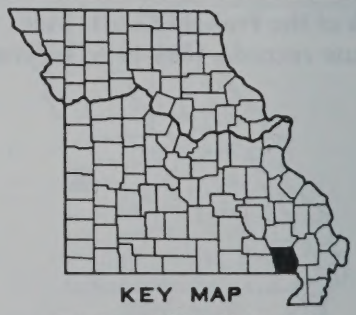
Organized February 27, 1849, from Wayne County and named for William O. Butler, a Kentucky congressman. County seat: Poplar Bluff 63901.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1849-1889; Deed records, 1850-1899; Index to marriage records, 1878-1935; Marriage records, 1878-1921.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1893; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1893; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1849-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1849-1890; Probate records, 1849-1891; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1866-1889; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1873-1886; Settlement records, 1877-1891; Will records, 1869-1922.



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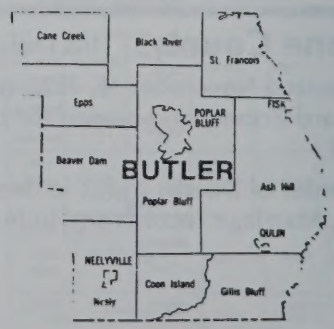


Caldwell County (66 reels)

Organized December 29, 1836, from Ray County and named for John Caldwell, Indian scout. County seat: Kingston 64650.

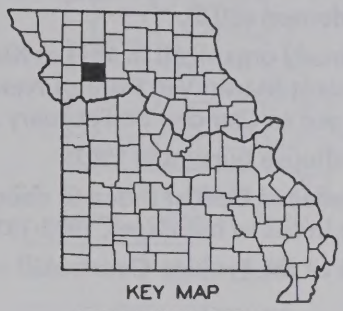
"Alexander W. Doniphan is credited with naming Caldwell County in honor of an Indian fighter whom his father, Joseph Doniphan, had known in Kentucky. According to Shoemaker, Doniphan probably referred to Colonel John Caldwell, the famous soldier for whom Caldwell County, Kentucky was named. Mathew Caldwell has also been cited as the man for whom the Missouri County was named."

Courthouse burned on April 19, 1860 and again on November 28,1896.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1860-1887; Deed records, 1860-1923; Index to mortgages, 1876-1885; Mortgage deeds, 1860-1910; Plat book, 1835-1857; Government survey records, 1818-1823; Marriage records, 1860-1922; Applications for marriage license, 1895-1919.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1859-1889; Circuit court records, 1860-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1857-1896; Probate records, 1856-1887; Probate minutes, 1878-1882; Index to administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1856-1880; Administrator's/executor's letters, bond and records, 1856-1888; Index to inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1860-1886; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1860-1893; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1866-1889; Settlement records, 1870-1890; Guardian's/curator's records, 1885-1892; Index to will records, 1860-1905; Will records, 1860-1929.



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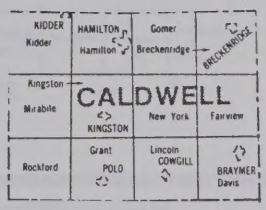


Callaway County (99 reels)

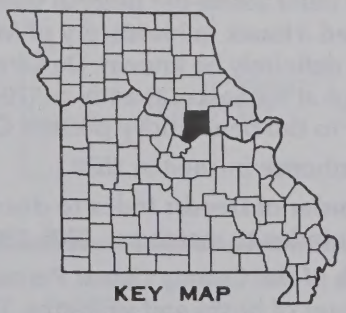
Organized November 25, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Boone, Howard and Montgomery counties and named for James Callaway, Missouri ranger killed by Indians in the War of 1812. County seat: Fulton 65251.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1821-1900; Deed records, 1821-1911; Sheriff's deeds, 1884-1904; Index to marriage records, 1821-1941; Marriage records, 1821-1917; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1915.

Clerk of the County Court: State census, 1844 and 1876; Land owners list, no dates; Assessment records, 1830; County court records, 1821-1832.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court docket book, 1821-1847.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1821-1938; Probate records, 1821-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1865-1918; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1873-1917; Settlement records, 1863-1916; Guardian's/curator's records, 1821-1916; Minors and insane, 1821-1938; Index to probate estate files, 1821-1899, 1908-1938; Probate estate files, 1821-1914; Will records, 1821-1919.



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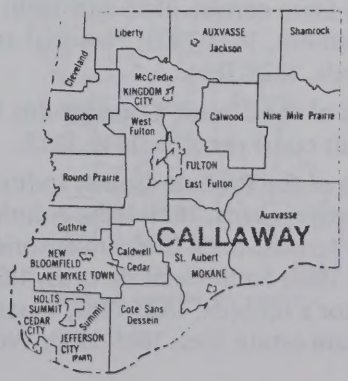


Camden County (14 reels)

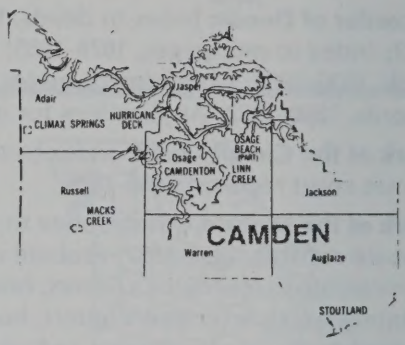
Organized January 29, 1841, from Benton, Morgan and Pulaski counties and named for Charles Pratt, Earl of Camden. County seat: Camdenton 65020.

Originally organized in 1841 as Kinderhook County in honor of President Martin Van Buren's New York home. The name was changed to Camden on February 23, 1843.

Courthouse burned in 1902.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1849-1910; Deed records, 1849-1911; Index to marriages, 1902-1916; Marriage records, 1902-1943.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Will records, 1902-1933.



Cape Girardeau County (190 reels)

Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties and named for Sieur de Girardot, a French officer. County seat: Jackson 63755.

"Sieur de Girardot is generally accepted as the man for whom the river bend above the original settlement of Cape Girardeau was named. Houck in his *History of Missouri* says that the origin cannot now definitely be known. De Girardot was stationed with the French troops at Kaskaskia as early as 1704 and may have moved across the river to the bend above present Cape Girardeau."

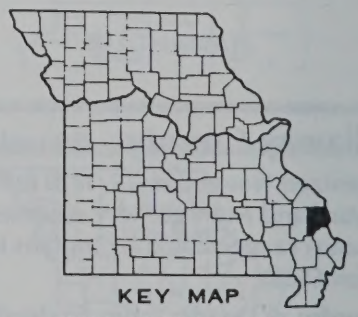
Courthouse burned in 1870.

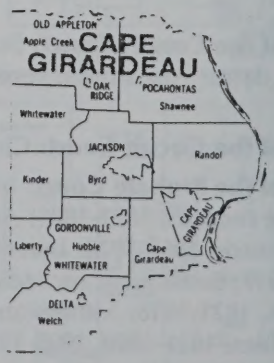
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1805-1890; Deed records, 1805-1906; Index to marriages, 1805-1902; Marriage records, 1805-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1890-1893; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1890; Record of deaths, 1883-1893; State census, 1868 and 1876; Tax records, 1828-1910; Land assessment, 1873-1909; Personal assessment, 1868-1909; County court records, 1828-1854.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1815-1900; Circuit court records, 1815-1922.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1816-1918; Probate records, 1821-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1825-1936; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1865-1897; Settlement records, 1878-1902; Index to guardian's/curator's records, 1820-1885; Guardian's/curator's records, 1877-1886; Probate estate files, 1805-1980; Will records and index, 1805-1980.





Carroll County (107 reels)

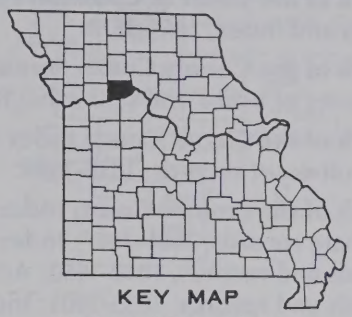
Organized January 2, 1833, from Ray County and named for Charles Carroll of Carrollton. County seat: Carrollton 64633.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1833-1887; Deed records, 1833-1924; Index to marriage records, 1833-1885; Marriage records, 1833-1920; Register of marriage licenses, 1907-1938; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1881.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1885; Record of deaths, 1883-1890.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1833-1886; Index to naturalization records, 1843-1900; Record of naturalizations, 1881-1907.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1834-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1833-1899; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1848-1890; Settlement records, 1854-1886; Guardian's/curator's records, 1874-1899; Will records, 1857-1917.



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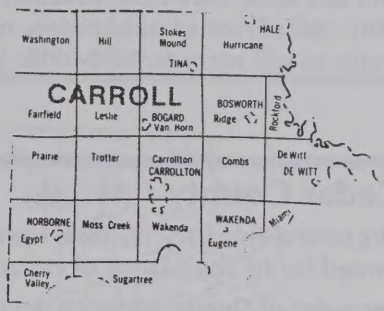


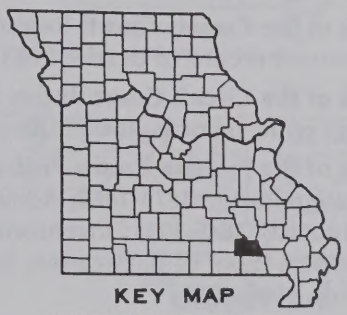
Carter County (21 reels)

Organized March 10, 1859, from Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley and Shannon counties; named for Zimri A. Carter, pioneer settler. County seat: Van Buren 63965.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, (no dates); Deed records, 1845-1904; Marriage records, 1861-1915.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1866-?; Circuit court records, 1866-1889.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1859-1922; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1879-1888; Settlement records, 1883-1891; Guardian's/curator's records, 1861-1891; Will records and index, 1872-1963.



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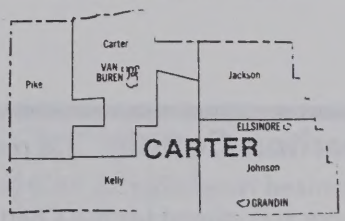
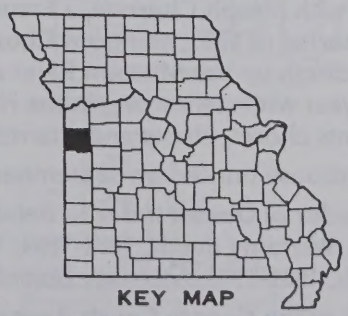


Cass County (113 reels)

Organized March 3, 1835, from Jackson County and named for Lewis Cass, Michigan senator and presidential candidate. County seat: Harrisonville 64701.

Originally organized as Van Buren County in honor of Martin Van Buren, the Democratic legislature changed the name to Cass on February 19, 1849, to honor Van Buren's Democratic opponent Lewis Cass. Van Buren ran as the Free-Soil candidate for president in 1848.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1837-1886; Deed records, 1837-1899; Administrator's deeds, 1879-1883; Quitclaim deeds, 1882-1896; Sheriff's deeds, 1879-1883; Mortgage deeds, 1870-1871; School fund mortgages, 1869-1894; Deeds of trust, 1870-1903; Deed releases, 1884-1894; Marriage records and index, 1836-1918.



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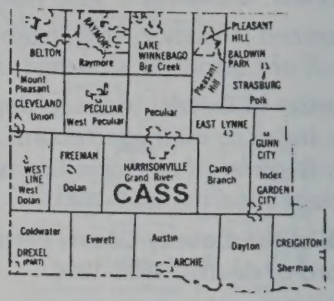
Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Common pleas and index, 1867-1878.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1899; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1903.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1842-1888; Circuit court records, 1835-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1839-1956; Probate records, 1836-1887; Index to administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1830-1950; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1835-1901; Index to inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1861-1916; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1861-1887; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1867-1881; Index to will records, 1830-1918; Will records, 1844-1918.



Cedar County (50 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Dade and St. Clair counties and named for its abundance of cedar trees. County seat: Stockton 65785.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1845-1889; Deed records, 1845-1944; Index to marriage records, 1884-1929; Marriage records, 1845-1921; Negro/colored marriage records, 1867-1872.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1889; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1886.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1845-1871; Circuit court records, 1845-1928.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1845-1891; Probate minutes, 1875-1880; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1846-1911; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1850-1899; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1874-1911; Will records, 1846-1919.

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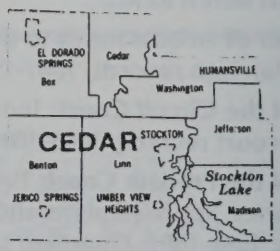


Chariton County (56 reels)

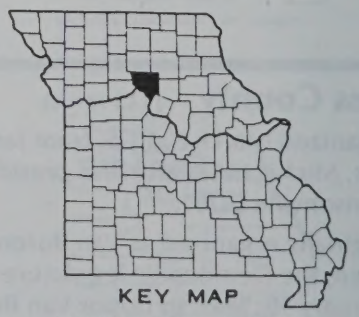
Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Howard County and named for the Chariton River. County seat: Keytesville 65261.

"Several origins of the name of the Chariton River have been suggested. The most plausible suggestion connects the name of the river with Joseph Chorette, a French fur trader of St. Louis. Trudeau, in his *Journal* of 1795, mentions Chorette as accompanying him on his expedition up the Missouri River and as being drowned on July 10 of that year while swimming in the river. The family name has the variants choret, charet and charrette in old documents."

Courthouse burned on September 20, 1864 and again in 1973.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1826-1887; Deed records, 1826-1887; Warranty deeds, 1868-1884; Quitclaim deeds, 1866-1897; Sheriffs deeds, 1881-1903; Marriage records, 1821-1898.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1886; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1887; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1886; Register of deaths, 1883-1887.



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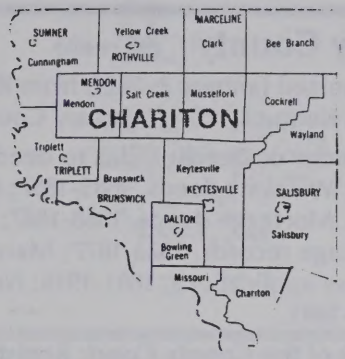
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1820-1886; Order book, tax, 1881-1883.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1861-1896; Will records and index, 1861-1916.



Christian County (38 reels)

Organized March 8, 1859, from Greene, Taney and Webster counties and named for William Christian, Kentucky Revolutionary War soldier. County seat: Ozark 65721.

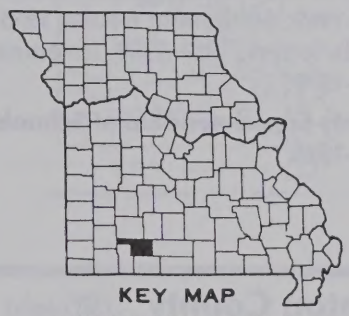
Courthouse burned in 1865.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1865-1890; Deed records, 1861-1893; Index to marriage records, 1866-1923; Marriage records, 1866-1917.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1889; Record of births, 1840-1904; State census, 1876; Land assessment records, 1868-1875 and 1881-1885.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1883-1891; Circuit court records, 1865-1891.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1870-1891; Probate minutes, 1881-1890; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1865-1904; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1865-1913; Settlement records, 1866-1899; Guardian's/curator's records, 1873-1890; Will records, 1864-1925.



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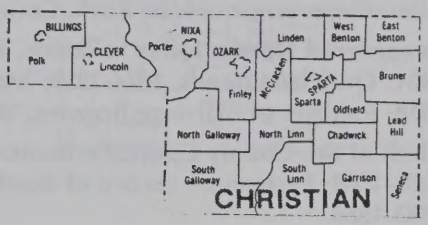


Clark County (68 reels)

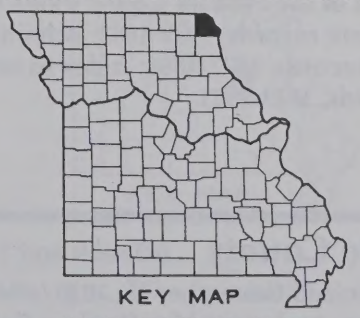
Organized December 16, 1836, from Lewis County and named for William Clark, governor of the Missouri Territory. County seat: Kahoka 63445.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1833-1886; Deed records, 1833-1891; Index to mortgages, 1860-1886; Mortgage deeds, 1860-1894; Marriage records and index, 1836-1920; Military discharge records, 1864-1920.

Clerk of the County Court: Record of births, 1830-1840; Register of birth and stillbirths, 1883-1892; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1892; Register of deaths, 1883-1892.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1837-1893; Naturalization records, 1884-1924.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1838-1886; Abstract of demands, 1852-1884; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1836-1921; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1847-1887; Settlement records, 1838-1891; Perpetual docket, 1869-1928; Will records, 1836-1918.



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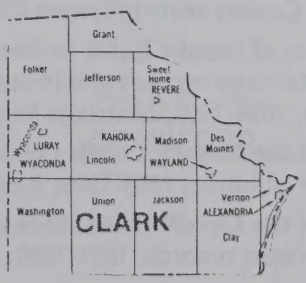


Clay County (96 reels)

Organized January 2, 1822, from Ray County and named for Henry Clay, Kentucky congressman. County seat: Liberty 64068.

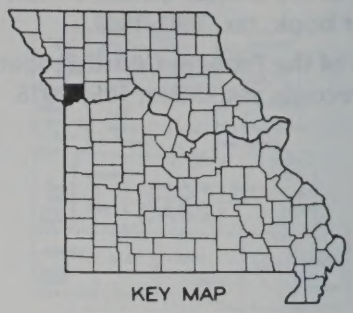
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1823-1889; Deed records, 1822-1890; Warranty deeds, 1885-1887; Quitclaim deeds, 1868 and 1884-1886; Mortgage deeds, 1868-1887; Deeds of trust, 1876-1887; Index to marriage records, 1822-1877; Marriage records, 1822-1917; Marriage license applications, 1881-1916; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1891.

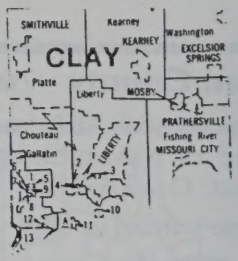
Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1884; Register of deaths, 1883-1884.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1822-1878.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Guardian's/curator's records, 1860-1873, 1950-1969; Settlement books, 1955-?; Administrator's/executor's bonds/letters, 1951-1969; Inventory records, 1953-1969; Minute books, 1961-1970.

County Superintendent of Schools: Reports to the superintendent, 1915-1925.





Clinton County (58 reels)

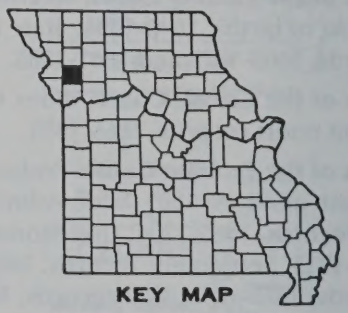
Organized January 2, 1833, from Clay County and named for DeWitt Clinton, governor of New York. County seat: Plattsburg 64477.

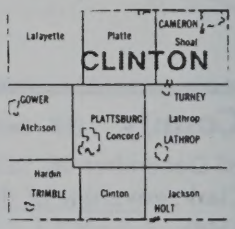
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1833-1887; Deed records, 1833-1901; Quitclaim deeds, 1874-1889; Marriage records and index, 1847-1918; Register of marriage licenses, 1884-1937.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1863-1879 and 1883-1888; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1888; Register of deaths, 1883-1888.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1859-1887; Naturalization records, 1885-1912; Minute book, 1836-1853.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1834-1905; Probate records, 1839-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1871-1896; Index to settlement records, 1873-1887; Will records, 1833-1921.





Cole County (69 reels and 14,539 microfiche)

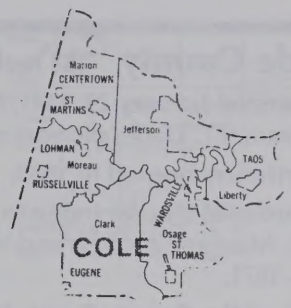
Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Cooper County and named for Stephen Cole, pioneer settler and Indian fighter. County seat: Jefferson City 65101.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1821-1895; Deed records, 1821-1888; Marriage records and index, 1821-1919; Application for marriage licenses, 1896-1903; Marriage licenses, 1821-1900.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1906; Register of births, 1883-1906; Register of deaths, 1883-1906.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1821-1930; Circuit court records, 1821-1950; Circuit court case files, 1826-1961.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1871-1877; Probate records, 1834-1884; Index to probate proceedings, 1834-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1857-1877; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1854-1891; Settlement records, 1875-1890; Probate estate files, 1876-1950; Will records, 1855-1926.



Cooper County (88 reels)

Organized December 17, 1818 (effective February 1, 1819) from Howard County and named for Sarshel (Benjamin) Cooper, pioneer settler. County seat: Boonville 65233.

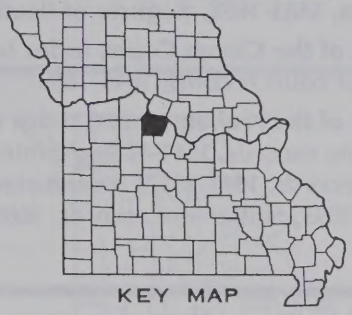
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1820-1895; Deed records, 1819-1906; Index to marriage records, 1819-1973; Marriage records, 1819-1918; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1866.

Court of Common Pleas: Record of common pleas and index, 1856-1859; Chancery records, 1836-1854.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1894; Permanent record of births, 1883-1889; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1889.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1821-1894; Circuit court records, 1821-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1849-1900; Probate records, 1847-1887; Index to probate minutes, (no dates); Probate minutes, 1860-1903; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1819-1891; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1847-1887; Settlement records, 1880-1886; Probate estate files, 1822-1884; Will records, 1818-1918.



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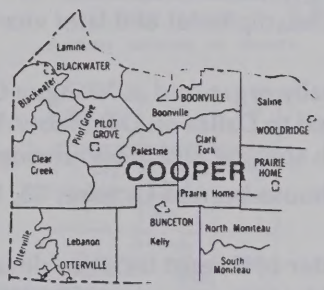


Crawford County (52 reels)

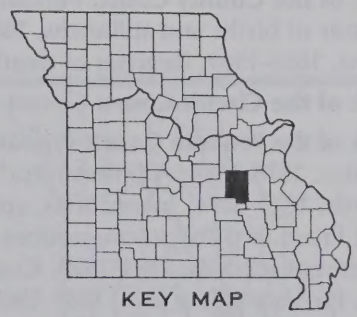
Organized January 23, 1829, from Gasconade County and named for William H. Crawford, Georgia senator. County seat: Steelville 65565.

Courthouse burned February 15, 1873 and again on January 5, 1884.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1832-1890; Deed records, 1832-1888; Patent records and index, 1857-1903; Index to marriage records, (no dates); Marriage records, 1829-1919; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1866; Military discharge records, 1863-1919; Record book, 1838-1845.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1831-1891; Letter book, 1840-1851.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1851-1864 and 1883-1906; Probate records, 1835-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1837-1907; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1867-1873; Settlement records, 1867-1886; Will records, 1832-1920.



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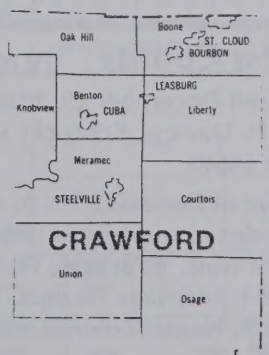

Dade County (53 reels)

Organized January 29, 1841, from Barry and Polk counties and named for Francis L. Dade, pioneer settler. County seat: Greenfield 65661.

Courthouse burned in 1863.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1841-1890; Deed records, 1841-1907; Marriage records and index, 1863-1919; Register of marriages, 1867-1871.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1885; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1885; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1885; Register of deaths, 1883-1885.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1846-1895; Circuit court records, 1846-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1841-1883; Probate records, 1841-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1841-1912; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1863-1893; Settlement records, 1869-1895; Will records, 1841-1922.

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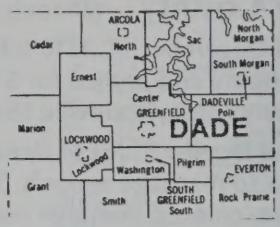


Dallas County (77 reels)

Organized January 29, 1841, from Polk County and named for George M. Dallas, diplomat and later vice president. County seat: Buffalo 65622.

Originally organized as Niangua County in 1841, the name was changed to Dallas on December 16, 1844, due to the alleged difficulty in both spelling and pronouncing Niangua.

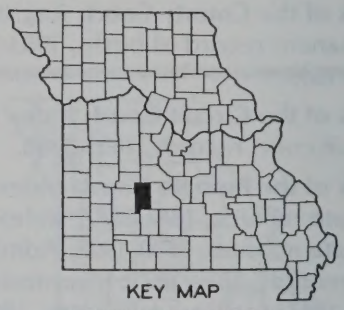
Courthouse burned October 18, 1863; July 30, 1864 and September 3, 1867.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1867-1889; Deed records, 1867-1897; Marriage records, 1867-1919; Register of marriage licenses, 1891-1929.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1908; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1892; Permanent record of deaths, 1888-1909; Register of deaths, 1883-1924.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1867-1884.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1867-1889; Probate minutes, 1878-1884; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1871-1894; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1871-1914; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1871-1894; Settlement records, 1871-1890; Guardian's/curator's records, 1871-1922; Probate estate files, 1867-1965; Will records, 1894-1922.



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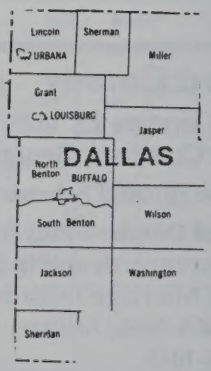

Daviess County (70 reels)

Organized December 29, 1836, from Ray County and named for Joseph H. Daviess, Kentucky soldier in the War of 1812. County seat: Gallatin 64640.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1839-1887; Deed records, 1838-1909; Index to mortgages, 1860-1892; Mortgage deeds, 1860-1895; Deeds of trust, 1873-1896; Plat book, 1898; Index to marriage records, 1837-1954; Marriage records, 1838-1920; Register of marriage licenses, 1883-1921; Negro/colored marriages, 1866-1904.

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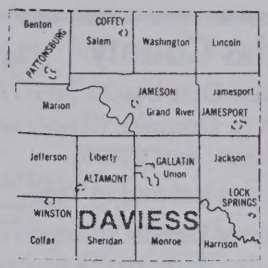
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1891; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1891.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1837-1872; Circuit court records, 1837-1885; Circuit court files, 1839-1840.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1890-1919; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1899-1925; Settlement records, 1890-1910; Guardian's/curator's records, 1890-1919; Record of descendents, 1901-1916; Will records, 1890-1920.



DeKalb County (49 reels)

Organized February 25, 1845, from Clinton County and named for Johann Kalb, Baron de Kalb. County seat: Maysville 64469.

Baron de Kalb was a German-born officer who served with the French Army and was killed in the American Revolution.

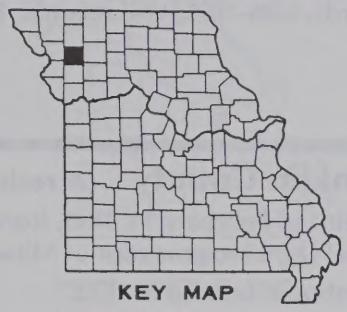
Courthouse burned in 1878.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1846-1886; Deed records, 1836-1922; Warranty deeds, 1866-1888; Quitclaim deeds, 1867-1890; Mortgage deeds, 1866-1906; Deeds of trust, 1884-1895; Marriage records and index, 1845-1928.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1856-1893; Circuit court records, 1856-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1879-1889; Probate records, 1879-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1879-1918; Will records, 1877-1924.



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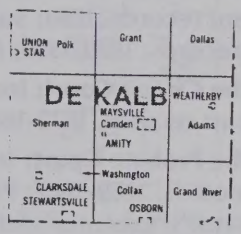

Dent County (31 reels)

Organized February 10, 1851, from Crawford and Shannon counties and named for Lewis Dent, pioneer settler. County seat: Salem 65560.

Courthouse burned in 1864.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1851-1891; Deed records, 1866-1891; Supplied deeds, 1851-1859; Patent records, 1866-1905; Marriage records and index, 1851-1917.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1884; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1884; Register of deaths, 1883-1884.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1866-1890.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1866-1890; Probate court ledger, 1866-1883; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1866-1895; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1866-1903; Settlement records, 1877-1886; Will records, 1866-1924.

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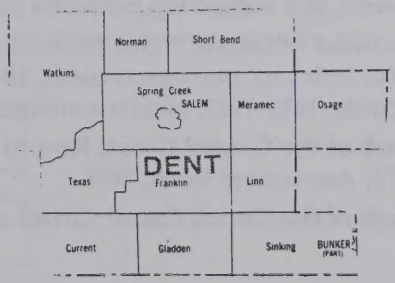

Douglas County (19 reels)

Organized October 29, 1857, from Ozark County and named for Stephen A. Douglas, Illinois senator and later presidential candidate. County seat: Ava 65608.

Courthouse burned in 1886.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1860-1893; Deed records, 1858-1920; Index to marriage records, (no dates); Marriage records, 1877-1916.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1886-1931; Circuit court records, 1886-1909.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1889-1892; Settlement records, 1886-1895; Will records, 1886-1928.

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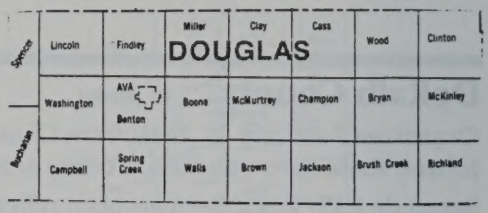

Dunklin County (26 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Stoddard County and named for Daniel Dunklin, governor of Missouri. County seat: Kennett 63857.

Courthouse burned in 1872.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1872-1889; Deed records, 1872-1889; Patent records, 1859; Supplied deeds, 1872-1876; Index to marriage records, 1889-1920; Marriage records, 1872-1916.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1872-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1872-1903; Probate records, 1869-1887; Probate minutes, 1879-1888; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1872-1924; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1872-1888; Settlement records, 1883-1892; Guardian's/curator's records, 1865-1904; Will records, 1866-1944.

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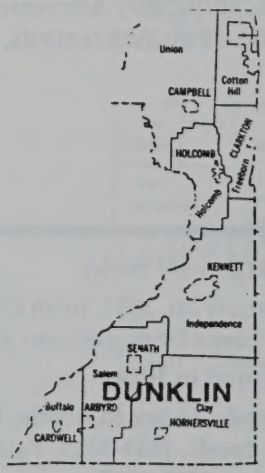

Franklin County (75 reels)

Organized December 11, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from St. Louis County and named for Benjamin Franklin. County seat: Union 63084.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1870-1887; Deed records, 1819-1900; Index to marriage records, 1819-1901 and 1914-1921; Marriage records, 1819-1921; Negro marriages, 1866-1875.

Clerk of the County Court: Record of births, 1862-1892; State Census, 1876; Assessment book, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1819-1886.

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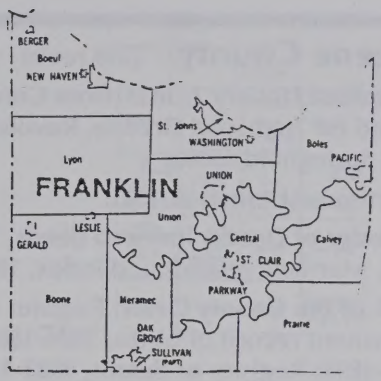
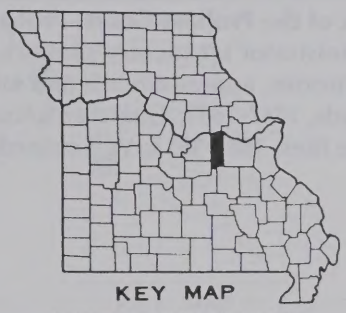
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1868-1892; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1836-1924; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1856-1888; Settlement records, 1870-1912; Guardian's/curator's records, 1870-1912; Will records and index, 1819-1926.



Gasconade County (51 reels)

Organized November 25, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Franklin County and named for the Gasconade River. County seat: Hermann 65041.

"Gasconade may be one of the early satirical nicknames, like *Paincourt* meaning 'short of bread' for St. Louis, which as survived. It probably derived from the French word *gascon* meaning 'boaster, braggart' which may have been applied to the people who lived along the river and who may have been inclined to brag about their exploits when they returned to St. Louis."

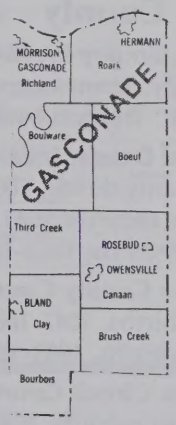


Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1821-1888; Deed records, 1821-1889; Marriage records, 1822-1920; Marriage register, 1883-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1867-1896; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1891; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1896.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1868-1888; Circuit court records, 1821-1888; Circuit court records book, 1840-1853; Naturalization records, 1894-1904.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1827-1891; Probate minutes, 1875-1892; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1825-1903; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1866-1893; Guardian's/curator's records, 1841-1907; Probate ledger, 1849-1867; Index to will records, (no dates); Will records, 1849-1918.

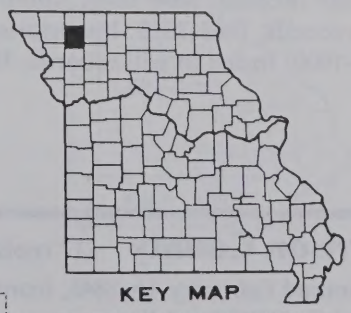


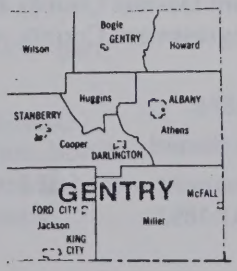
Gentry County (no reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Clinton County and named for Richard Gentry, Seminole War general. County seat: Albany 64402.

Courthouse burned in 1885.

(No county records available on microfilm.)





Greene County (218 reels)

Organized January 2, 1833, from Crawford and Wayne counties and named for Nathaniel Greene, Revolutionary War general. County seat: Springfield 65802.

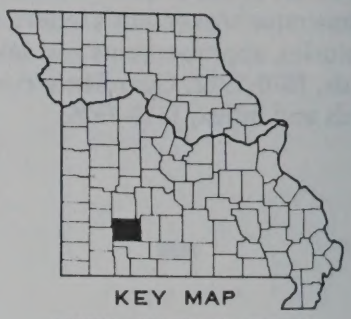
Courthouse burned in 1861.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1833-1886; Deed records, 1833-1947; Marriage records and index, 1833-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1901; Permanent record of births, 1884-1889; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1895; Register of deaths, 1883-1902; State census, 1844 and 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1833-1885.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1830-1885; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1882-1895; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1865-1873; Settlement records, 1847-1881; Guardian's/curator's records, 1834-1881; Probate estate files, 1887-1933; Will records, 1840-1916.



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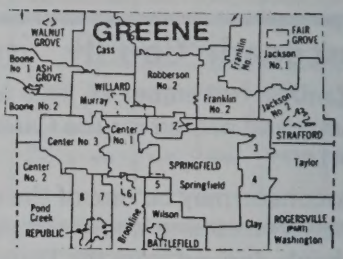


Grundy County (44 reels)

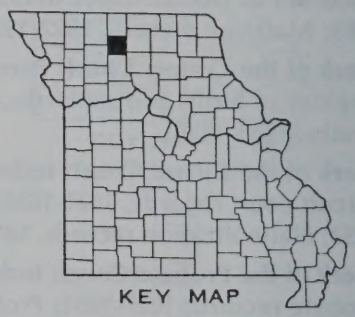
Organized January 29, 1841, from Livingston County and named for Felix Grundy, Tennessee senator and United State Attorney General. County seat: Trenton 64683.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1846-1888; Deed records, 1841-1911; Warranty deeds, 1867-1887; Quitclaim deeds, 1876-1898; Index to marriage records, 1841-1937; Marriage records, 1841-1916; Military discharge records, 1862-1865.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1893; Record of births, 1847-1866; Record of births and stillbirths, 1883-1893; Record of deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1841-1912; Circuit court records, 1841-1889.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1864-1909; Probate records, 1864-1888; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1863-1919; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1871-1900; Index to will records, 1864-1910; Will records, 1863-1919.



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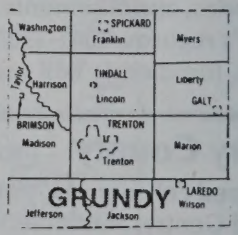

Harrison County (17 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Daviess County and named for Albert G. Harrison, Missouri congressman. County seat: Bethany 64424.

Courthouse burned in January 1874.

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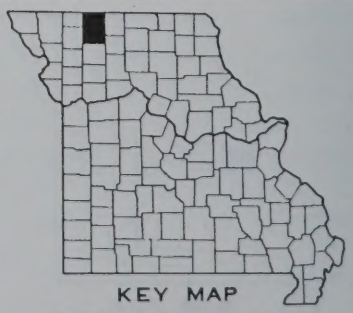
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1889; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1893.



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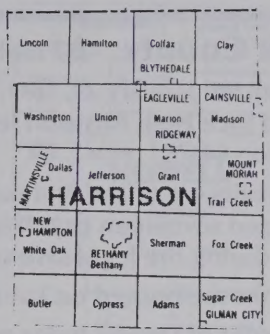

Henry County (110 reels)

Organized December 13, 1834, from Lillard (later Lafayette) County and named for Patrick Henry, Revolutionary patriot. County seat: Clinton 64735.

Originally organized as Rives County, the name was changed to Henry on October 15, 1841, by an act of the Legislature.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1837-1886; Deed records, 1835-1939; Mortgage deeds, 1875-1877; Index to marriage records, 1871-?; Marriage records, 1835-1916.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1835-1885.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1836-1973; Probate records, 1836-1886; Index to records instruments, (no dates); Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1854-1887; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1854-1886; Probate estate files, 1834-1949; Will records and index, 1854-1917.

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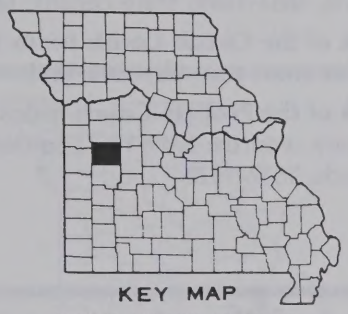

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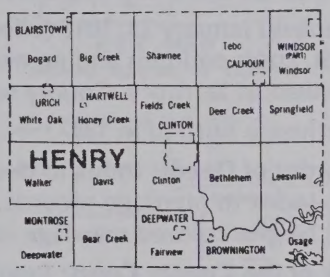


Hickory County (27 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Benton and Polk counties and named for Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory". County seat: Hermitage 65668.

Courthouse burned in 1852 and 1881.

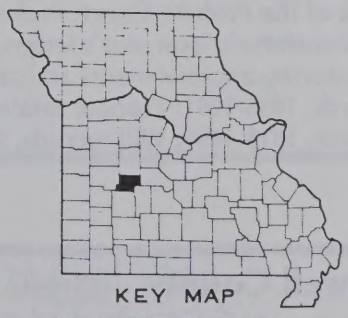
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1848-1893; Deed records, 1846-1865 and 1877-1896; Marriage records and index, 1872-1919.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery minute book, 1845-1887.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births and stillbirths, 1883-1898; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1889; Register of deaths, 1883-1889.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1858-1901; Circuit court records, 1858-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1870-1882; Probate records, 1849-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1845-1922; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1870-1882; Settlement records, 1879-1890; Guardian's/curator's records, 1845-1879; Will records, 1848-1945.



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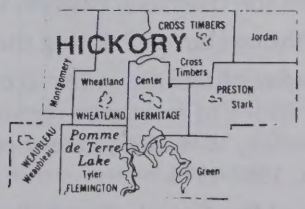

Holt County (57 reels)

Organized January 29, 1841, from the Platte Purchase and named for David Rice Holt, Missouri legislator from Platte County. County seat: Oregon 64473.

Originally organized and named Nodaway County, the name was changed seventeen days later to honor the memory of D.R. Holt, who died during the legislative session.

Courthouse burned on January 20, 1965.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1841-1887; Deed records, 1841-1900; Marriage records and index, 1841-1920.

Clerk of the County Court: Record of births, 1883-1889; Record of deaths, 1883-1889; State census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 18??-1898; Circuit court records, 1841-1885.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1849-1887; Settlement records, 1875-1889; Will records, 1837-1920.

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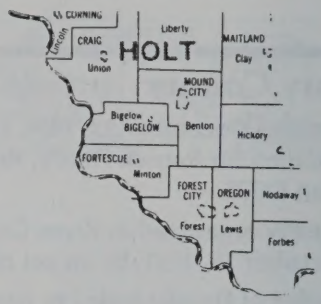


Howard County (123 reels)

Organized January 23, 1816 (effective March 1, 1816) from St. Charles and St. Louis counties and named for Benjamin Howard, Governor of the Missouri Territory. County seat: Fayette 65248.

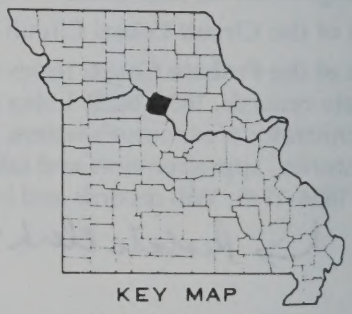
Courthouse burned in 1887.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1816-1889; Deed records, 1816-1924; Index to marriage records, 1816-1972; Marriage records, 1816-1919; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1879.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1893; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1888; State census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1831-1896; Circuit court records, 1816-1889.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1821-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1880-1900; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1868-1892; Settlement records, 1836-1891; Probate estate files, 1875-1902; Index to will records, 1818-1896; Will records, 1818-1918.



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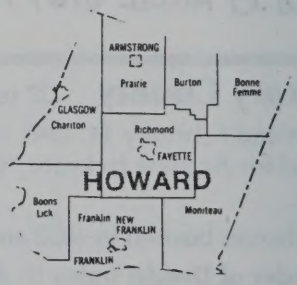


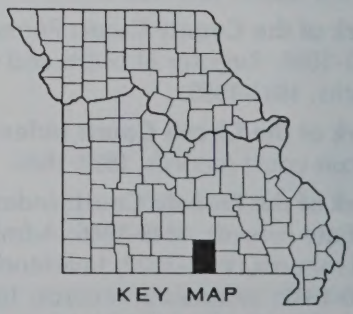
Howell County (25 reels)

Organized March 2, 1857, from Oregon County and named for James Howell, pioneer settler. Some sources also state the county was named for Thomas J. Howell. County seat: West Plains 65775.

Courthouse burned during the Civil War.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1866-1888; Deed records, 1866-1914; Index to mortgage records, 1870-1889; Miscellaneous records and index, 1874-1895; Patent records, 1886-1896; Marriage records and index, 1867-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1895; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1895.



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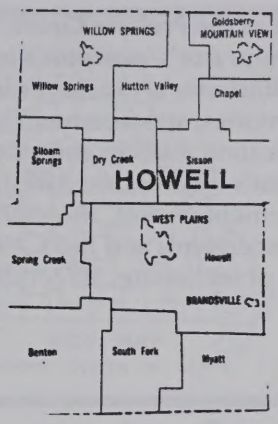
Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1867-1890; Probate records, 1870-1886; Settlement records, 1869-1876; Will records, 1862-1919.



Iron County (38 reels)

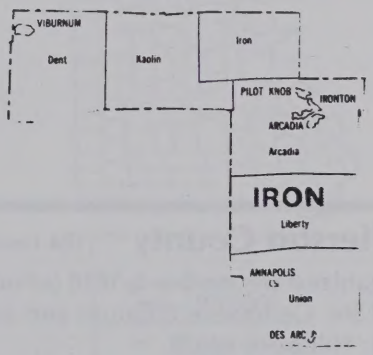
Organized February 17, 1857, from Madison, Reynolds, St. Francois, Washington and Wayne counties and named for abundant iron ore. County seat: Ironton 63650.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1815-1887; Deed records, 1814-1896; Marriage records and index, 1857-1922.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1887; Permanent record of births, 1883-1896; Register of deaths, 1883-1887.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1857-1891.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1857-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1864-1889; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1880-1890; Will records and index, 1857-1943.

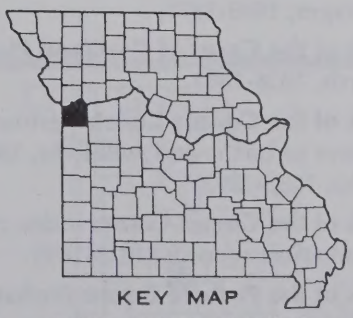


Jackson County (363 reels)

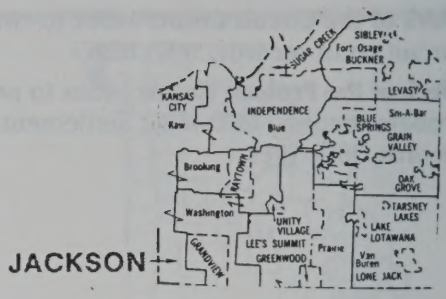
Organized December 15, 1826, from Lillard (now Lafayette) County and named for Andrew Jackson. County seat: Independence 64106.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1828-1891; Deed records, 1827-1909; Index to plats and plats, patent records and original land entries, 1832-1899; Index to marriage records, 1827-?; Index to marriage records (K.C.), 1881-1937; Marriage records, 1827-1917; Marriage records (K.C.), 1881-1916; Applications for marriage license, 1882-1917; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1882.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1890; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1895; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1890; Register of deaths, 1883-1893; Index to county court records, 1827-1884; County court records, 1827-1848; Bond and commission record, 1861-1872.



Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1897-1919; Index to administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, (no dates); Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1828-1955; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1917; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1854-1902; Index to guardian's/curator's records, (no dates); Guardian's/curator's records, 1871-1898; Judgement docket, 1874-1876; Reference docket, 1887-1924; Records of descendents and heirs, 1901-1914; Partnership records, 1877-1899; Sales of real estate, 1877-1920; Will records, 1828-1925.



Jasper County (125 reels)

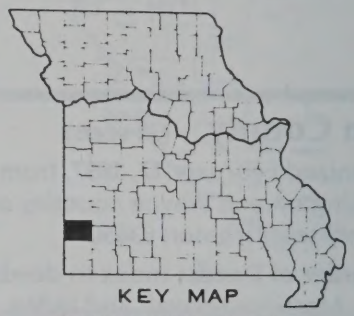
Organized January 29, 1841, from Barry County and named for William Jasper, revolutionary soldier. County seat: Carthage 64836.

Courthouse burned in 1863 and 1883.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1841-1885; Deed records, 1841-1913; Marriage records and index, 1841-1916.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1879-1889; Circuit court records, 1841-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1841-1924; Probate records, 1841-1886; Probate minutes, 1841-1861; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1865-1908; Probate estate files and index, 1867-1896; Will records and index, 1842-1916.



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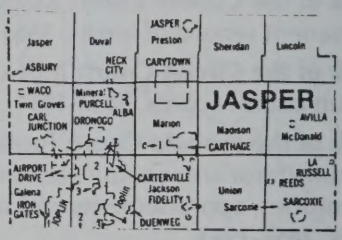

Jefferson County (104 reels)

Organized December 8, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from St. Louis and Ste. Genevieve counties and named for Thomas Jefferson. County seat: Hillsboro 63050.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1819-1904; Deed records, 1819-1908; Index to warranty deeds, 1881-1885; Index to chattel mortgages, 1866-1904; Index to deeds of trust, 1866-1904; Deeds of trust, 1867-1887; Index to marriage records, 1825-1915; Marriage records, 1826-1915; Register of marriage license, 1881-1885; Negro/colored marriages, 1849-1871.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery records, 1826-1851.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1890-1892; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1892; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1892.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1819-1886; Circuit court records, 1819-1895.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1822-1885; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1858-1910; Guardian's/curator's records, 1873-1895; Probate estate files, 1820-1900; Will records, 1872-1921.

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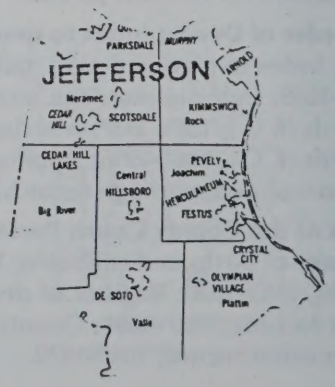


Johnson County (179 reels)

Organized December 13, 1834, from Lillard (now Lafayette) County and named for R. M. Johnson, Kentucky senator and later Vice President. County seat: Warrensburg 64093.

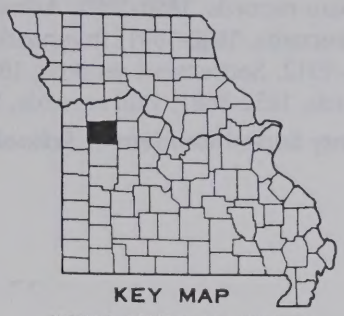
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1835-1886; Deed records, 1832-1891; Index to marriage records, 1835-1912; Marriage records, 1835-1919.

Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Record of common pleas, 1867-1872; Chancery records, 1837-1848.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1894; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1894; Register of deaths, 1883-1894.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1844-1900; Circuit court records, 1835-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1835-1890; Probate records, 1840-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1835-1918; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1852-1897; Settlement records, 1853-1889; Guardian's/curator's records, 1871-1896; Probate estate files, 1909-1925; Index to will records, 1852-1916; Will records, 1840-1916.



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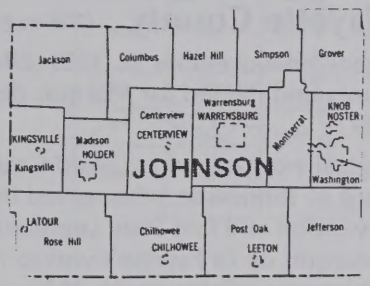


Knox County (56 reels)

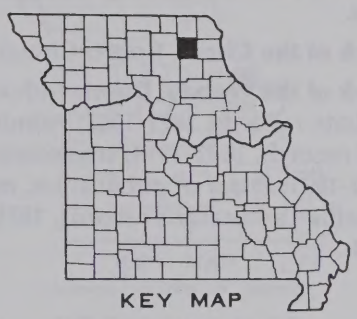
Organized February 14, 1845, from Scotland County and named for Henry Knox, Revolutionary War general. County seat: Edina 63537.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1838-1889; Deed records, 1845-1913; Marriage records and index, 1845-1920; Register of marriage license, 1883-1944; Military discharge records, 1862-1977.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1939; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1891; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1845-1912; Circuit court records, 1845-1885; Circuit court minute book, 1869-1875.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1845-1918; Probate records, 1845-1889; Probate minutes, 1855-1877; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1847-1859 and 1882-1894; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1858-1898; Settlement records, 1872-1906; Guardian's/curator's records, 1847-1859 and 1879-1887; Will records, 1849-1918.



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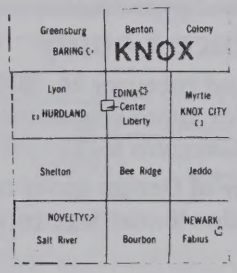
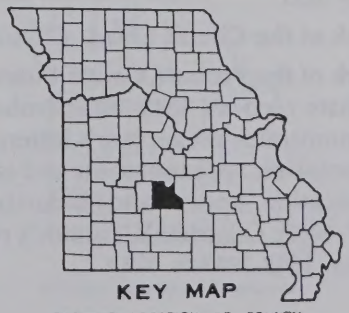


Laclede County (33 reels)

Organized February 24, 1849, from Camden, Pulaski and Wright counties and named for Pierre Laclede Liquest, founder of St. Louis. County seat: Lebanon 65536.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1849-1890; Deed records, 1849-1894; Index to patent records, 1857-1962; Patent records, 1857-1945; Marriage records and index, 1855-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1893 and (1922, one only).



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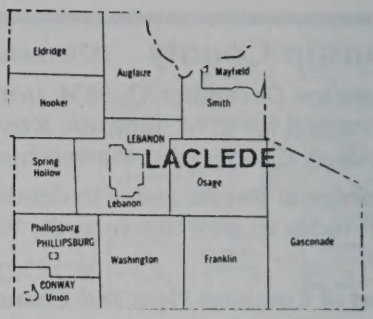
County Superintendent of Schools: Teacher's term reports, (no dates).



Lafayette County (118 reels)

Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Cooper County and named for Marquis de La Fayette. County seat: Lexington 64067.

Originally organized as Lillard County in honor of James (William) Lillard of Tennessee, who served in the first state constitutional convention and first State Legislature, the name was changed in honor of Marquis de La Fayette's visit to the United States by an act of the Legislature on February 16, 1825.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1821-1886; Deed records, 1820-1895; Index to marriage records, 1821-1973; Marriage records, 1821-1919.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1821-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1821-1897; Probate records, 1821-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1821-1914; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1850-1891; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1863-1877; Guardian's/curator's records, 1879-1924; Will records and index, 1821-1924.

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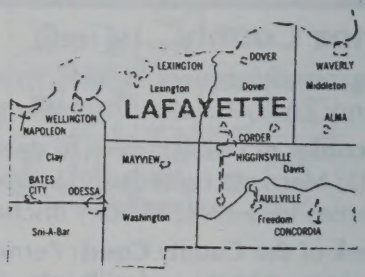


Lawrence County (50 reels)

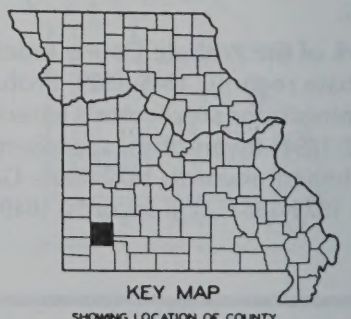
Organized February 14, 1845, from Barry and Dade counties and named for James Lawrence, naval hero of the War of 1812. County seat: Mt. Vernon 65712.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1845-1888; Deed records, 1845-1889; Index to marriage records, 1845-1926; Marriage records, 1845-1918.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1893; Permanent record of births, 1883-1893; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1845-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1845-1950; Probate records, 1845-1885; Probate minutes, 1874-1879; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1845-1897; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1865-1893; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1869-1894; Settlement records, 1867-1887; Guardian's/curator's records, 1867-1887; Will records and index, 1843-1917.



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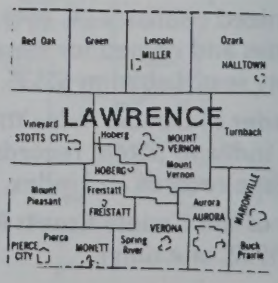


Lewis County (80 reels)

Organized January 2, 1833, from Marion County and named for Captain Meriwether Lewis, governor of the Missouri Territory. County seat: Monticello 63457.

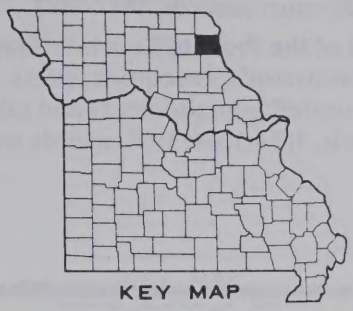
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1833-1889; Deed records, 1833-1895; Quitclaim deeds, 1842-1891; Mortgage deeds, 1872-1907; Deeds of trust, 1872-1887; Patent records, 1920-1969; Marriage records and index, 1833-1919.

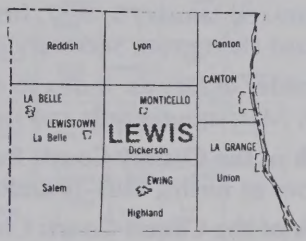
Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery records, 1834-1856.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1887; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1887; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1887; Register of deaths, 1883-1887.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1833-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1833-1971; Probate records, 1833-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1833-1914; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1893; Settlement records, 1834-1887; Index to will records, 1833-1976; Will records, 1833-1917.





Lincoln County (57 reels)

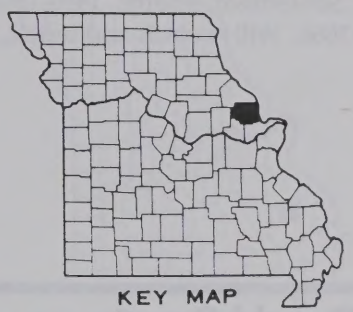
Organized December 14, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from St. Charles County and named for Benjamin Lincoln, revolutionary general. County seat: Troy 63379.

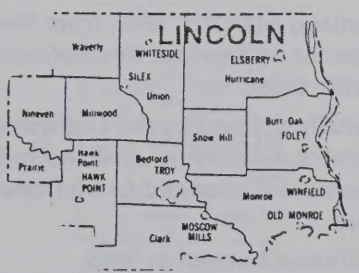
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1819-1890; Deed records, 1819-1890; Plat book, 1829-1853; Index to marriage records, 1825-1907; Marriage records, 1825-1918; Register of marriages, 1882-1931; Negro/colored marriages, 1865-1901.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of deaths, 1883-1884.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1819-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1820-1889; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1821-1902; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1888; Guardian's/curator's records, 1875-1902; Will records and index, 1825-1916.



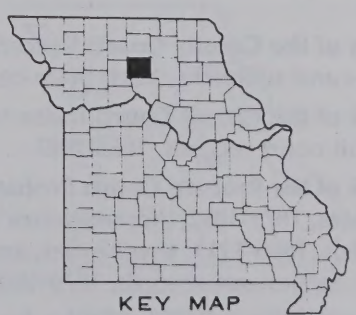


Linn County (73 reels)

Organized January 6, 1837, from Chariton County and named for Lewis F. Linn, United States senator. County seat: Linneus 64653.

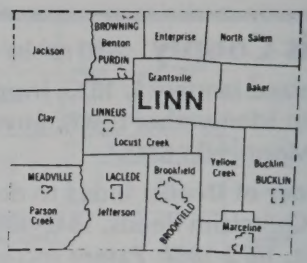
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1836-1887; Deed records, 1837-1908; Warranty deeds, 1866-1890; Quitclaim deeds, 1875-1888; Sheriff's deeds, 1876-1920; Mortgage deeds, 1876-1882; Deeds of trust, 1866-1890; Marriage records and index, 1857-1917; Register of marriage licenses, 1881-1925.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1822-1888 and 1907; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1888; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1887.



Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1837-19??; Circuit court records, 1837-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1849-1893; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1840-1897; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1854-1864; Settlement records, 1854-1864; Will records and index, 1840-1917.



Livingston County (85 reels)

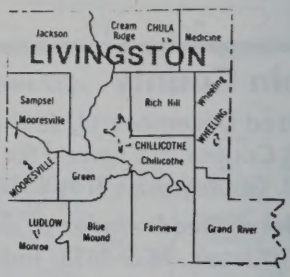
Organized January 6, 1837, from Carroll County and named for Edward Livingston, Secretary of State. County seat: Chillicothe 64601.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1837-1895; Deed records, 1837-1909; Marriage records and index, 1837-1915.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1891; Record of births, 1883-1890; Register of deaths, 1883-1890.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1837-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, ?-1915; Probate records, 1837-1891; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1863-1909; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1867-1903; Settlement records, 1860-1890; Guardian's/curator's records, 1857-1866; Will records and index, 1837-1925.



McDonald County (28 reels)

Organized March 3, 1849, from Newton County and named for Alexander McDonald, Revolutionary War soldier. County seat: Pineville 64856.

Originally defined by the Legislature as Seneca County and attached to Newton County for civil and military purposes on January 1, 1847, the name was changed to McDonald upon formal organization of the county.

Courthouse burned in 1863.

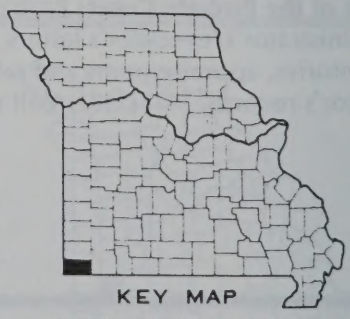
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1853-1887; Deed records, 1853-1897; Supplied deeds, *1864-1879; Marriage records and index 1865-1918.

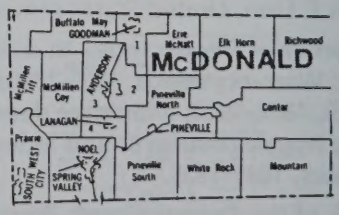
Clerk of the County Court: Record of births, 1856-1894; Register of births and stillbirths, 1884; State census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1855-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1865-1892; Probate minutes, 1873-1892; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1866-1913; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1866-1874; Settlement records, 1870-1895; Will records, 1866-1924.

*Supplied records of land titles for McDonald County.
Laws of Missouri 1864, pages 44-46.





Macon County (159 reels)

Organized January 6, 1837, from Chariton and Randolph counties and named for Nathaniel Macon, revolutionary soldier and North Carolina congressman. County seat: Macon 63552.

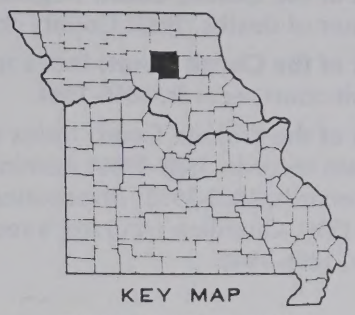
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1837-1886; Deed records, 1837-1923; Quitclaim deeds, 1880-1883; Sheriff's deeds, 1868-1940; Deeds of trust, 1867-1901; Marriage records and index, 1837-1917.

Clerk of Court of Common Pleas & Chancery Court: Index to judgments (LaPlata), 1883-1952; Court of common pleas, 1847-1893.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1893; Register of deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1837-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1853-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1838-1910; Probate estate files and index, 1858-1925; Will records and index, 1838-1916.



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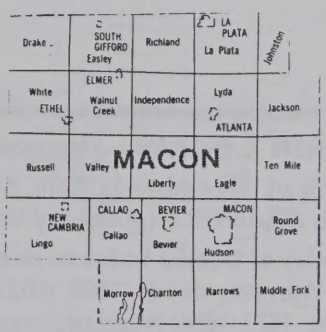


Madison County (47 reels)

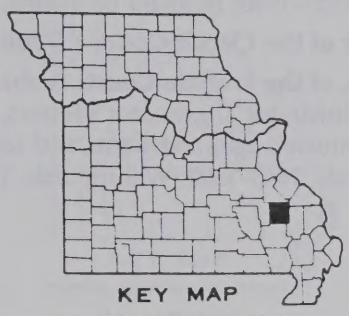
Organized December 14, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from Cape Girardeau and Ste. Genevieve counties and named for James Madison. County seat: Fredericktown 63645.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1819-1888; Deed records, 1819-1890; Marriage records and index, 1821-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1900; Permanent record of births, 1883-1900; Register of deaths, 1883-1892; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1900.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1845-1915; Circuit court records, 1827-1915.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1821-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1858-1910; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1873-1879; Settlement records, 1848-1878; Probate estate files, 1822-1925; Will records, 1822-1923.



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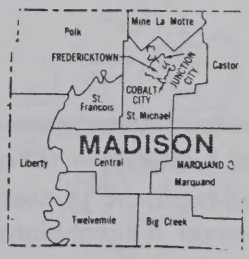


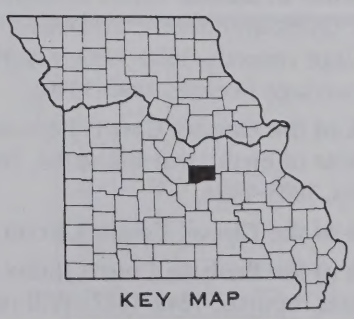
Maries County (32 reels)

Organized March 2, 1855, from Osage and Pulaski counties and named for the Maries rivers. County seat: Vienna 65582.

"Maries is probably a corruption of the French *"marias"* meaning 'marsh, swamp'. The Maries River, like the upper reaches of the Osage River was once said to be called *Le Marias des Cygnes*, or 'Marsh of Swans'. It has also been suggested that the Big and Little Maries rivers were named for two French girls and that the name is the plural of Marie."

Courthouse burned on November 6, 1868.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1855-1886; Deed records, 1860-1889; Marriage records and index, 1881-1921.



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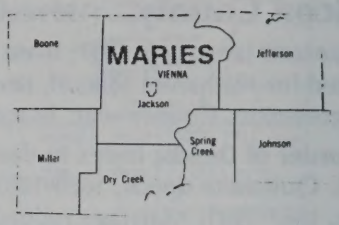
Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1884; Register of deaths, 1883; County court records, 1866-1872.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1868-1894.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1872-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1869-1950; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1874-1910; Guardian's/curator's records, 1879-1913; Will records and index, 1866-1940.



Marion County (103 reels)

Organized December 23, 1826, from Ralls County and named for Francis Marion, Revolutionary War hero. County seat: Palmyra 63461.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1827-1898; Deed records, 1827-1890; Warranty deeds, 1868-1902; Quitclaim deeds, 1871-1881; Deeds of trust, 1871-1898; Marriage records, 1827-1888.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1889 and 1927-1930; Register of deaths, 1883-1889 and 1927-1930.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1827-1890.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1827-1888; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1827-1884; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1870; Settlement records, 1845-1860; Will records, 1827-1919.

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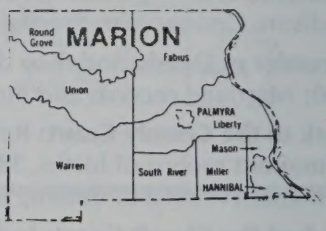


Mercer County (43 reels)

Organized Februrary 14, 1845, from Grundy County and named for John F. Mercer, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Princeton 64673.

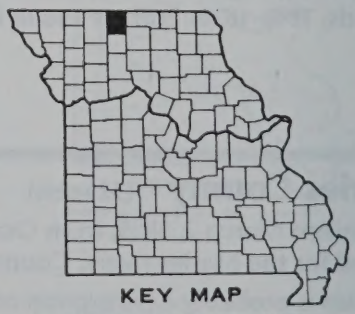
Courthouse burned on March 24, 1898.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1846-1886; Deed records, 1846-1886; Quitclaim deeds, 1877-1892; Sheriff's deeds, 1881-1935; Index to marriage records, 1898-1933; Marriage records, 1898-1924; Application for marriage license, 1898-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1894; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1894; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1894.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1868-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1849-1887; Will records and index 1853-1934.



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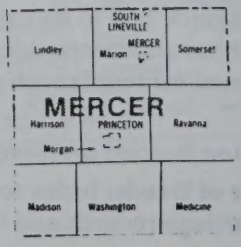


Miller County (38 reels)

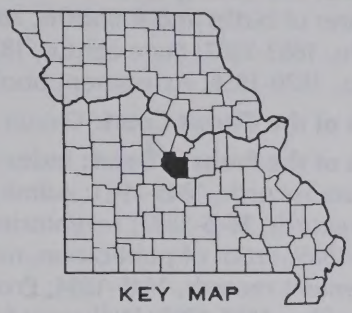
Organized February 6, 1837, from Cole and Pulaski counties and named for John Miller, governor of Missouri. County seat: Tuscumbia 65082.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1871-1895; Deed records, 1837-1887; Marriage records and index, 1837-1917; Register of marriage licenses, 1887-1928.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1891; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1891; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1902; Register of deaths, 1883-1904; Record of brands and marks, 1837-1899; Register of state board of health certificates, 1883-1914; Roll of physicians and surgeons, 1883-1915.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1837-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1837-1893; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1837-1902; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1886; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1868-1885; Settlement records, 1849-1886; Will records and index, 1840-1931.



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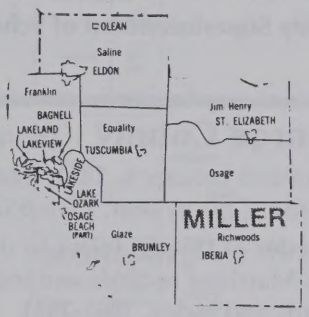


Mississippi County (38 reels)

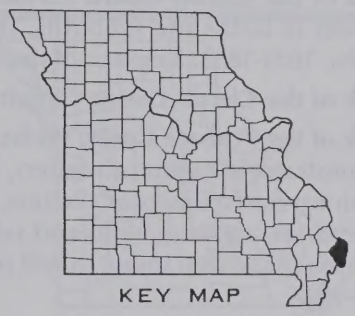
Organized February 14, 1845, from Scott County and named for the Mississippi River. County seat: Charleston 63834.

Mississippi is derived from the Algonquin Indian words: *missi* meaning "great" and *seepee* meaning "water."

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1823-1895; Deed records, 1823-1891; Sheriff's deeds, 1879-1920; Marriage records and index, 1845-1916.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1845-1926; Circuit court records, 1845-1927.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1845-1872; Probate records, 1845-1889; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1859-1867; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1867-1868; Settlement records, 1847-1889; Guardian's/curator's records, 1851-1873; Will records and index, 1859-1940.



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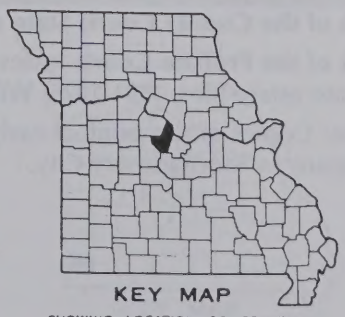
Moniteau County (114 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Cole and Morgan counties and named for Moniteau Creek. County seat: California 65018.

The name Moniteau is the French spelling of the Indian word meaning "spirit of God." It has been said that the creek was named by the Indians for the painted figure of a man "spirit of God," that was on a rock at the mouth.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1845-1882; Deed records, 1845-1895; Marriage records and index, 1845-1917; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1891.



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Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1889; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1894; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1887; State census, 1876; Justice of the peace docket books, 1870-1956; Assessment book, 1927-1946.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1845-1898.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1845-1959; Probate records, 1845-1911; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1845-1897; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1844-1885; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1864-1875; Settlement records, 1845-1894; Probate docket, 1857-1876; Probate estate files, 1858-1925; Will records, 1845-1923.

County Superintendent of Schools: Miscellaneous records, (no dates).

Monroe County (57 reels)

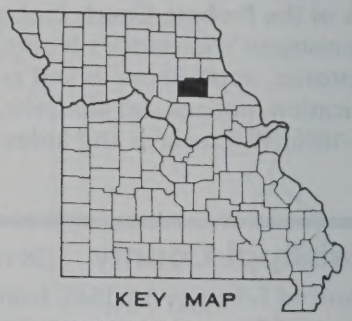
Organized January 6, 1831, from Ralls County and named for James Monroe. County seat: Paris 65275.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1831-1889; Deed records, 1831-1899; Marriage records and index, 1831-1918; Negro/colored marriage records and index, 1865-1881.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1885; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1885; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1885; Register of deaths, 1883-1885.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1831-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1835-1887; Index to administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1857-1972; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1860-1903; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1854-1888; Settlement records, 1832-1889; Index to will records, 1834-1975; Will records, 1832-1927.



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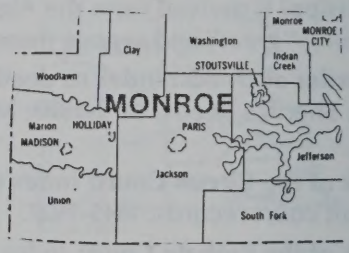


Montgomery County (108 reels)

Organized December 14, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from St. Charles County and named for Richard Montgomery, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Montgomery City 63361.

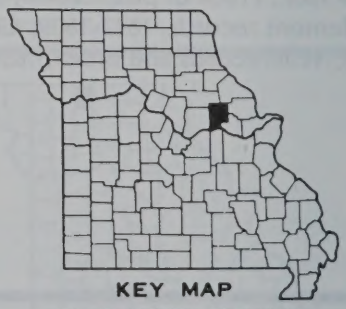
Courthouse burned in 1864 and 1901.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1864-1975; Deed records, 1866-1930*; Supplied deeds, 1839-1900; Index to marriage records, 1873-1933; Marriage records, 1864-1922; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1881.

Clerk of the County Court: State census, 1876.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1889-1900; Probate estate files, 1891-1925; Will records and index, 1889-1922.

*Note: Copies of the original early deeds are in Jones Abstract Company in Montgomery City.



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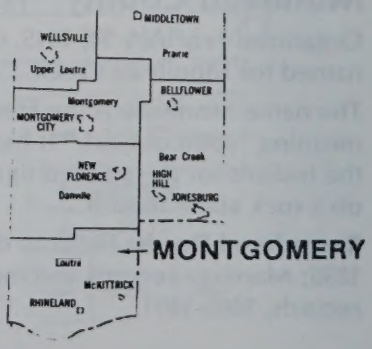


Morgan County (38 reels)

Organized January 5, 1833, from Cooper County and named for Daniel Morgan, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Versailles 65084.

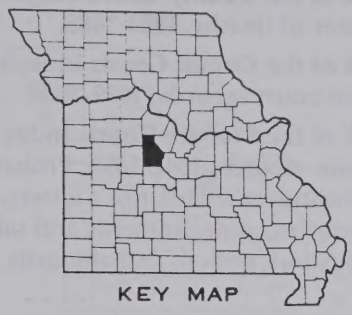
Courthouse burned in 1887.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1834-1890; Deed records, 1837-1888; Marriage records and index, 1833-1928.

Clerk of the County Court: Record of births, 1841-1863; Permanent record of births, 1883-1886; Register of deaths, 1883-1886.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1833-1897.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1834-1889; Record of heirs, 1873-1918; Will records and index, 1835-1919.



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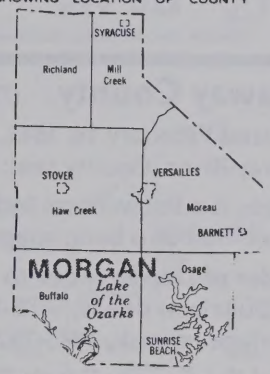


New Madrid County (71 reels)

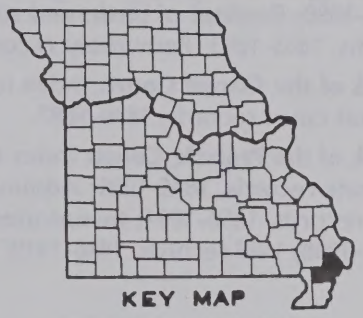
Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties and named for Madrid, Spain. County seat: New Madrid 63869.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1805-1886; Deed records, 1805-1898; Index to marriage records, 1881-1926; Marriage records, 1847-1918.

Clerk of the County Court: County court records, 1827-1869.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1805-1889.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1807-1940; Probate records, 1843-1892; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1832-1940; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1856-1890; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1871-1903; Settlement records, 1846-1899; Guardian's/curator's records, 1866-1899; Probate estate files, 1800-1883; Will records, 1832-1923.



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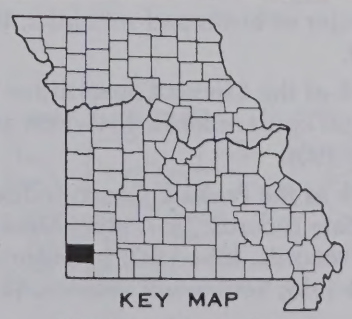
Newton County (68 reels)

Organized December 31, 1838, from Barry County and named for John Newton, a Revolutionary War soldier. County seat: Neosho 64850.

Courthouse burned in 1862.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1838-1898; Deed records, 1839-1917; Index to marriage records, 1879-1921; Marriage records, 1865-1916.



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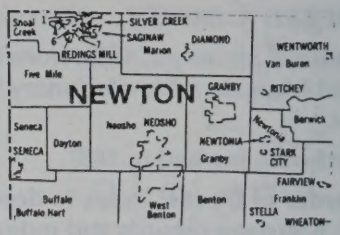
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1839-1886; Circuit court records, 1839-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1847-1890; Probate minutes, 1879-1881; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1839-1895; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1868-1905; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1867-1894; Will records, 1872-1920.



Nodaway County (75 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Andrew County and named for the Nodaway River. County seat: Maryville 64468.

Nodaway is a Potawatomi Indian word meaning "placid." "Jump over the river" has also been suggested as the meaning.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1845-1887; Deed records, 1845-1888; Quitclaim deeds, 1879-1887; Mortgage deeds, 1884-1886; Index to marriage records, 1845-1927; Marriage records, 1845-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births and stillbirths, 1883-1890; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1889; Register of deaths, 1883-1893; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1845-1897; Circuit court records, 1846-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1845-1889; Probate records, 1845-1891; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1858-1864; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1871-1888; Will records, 1846-1919.

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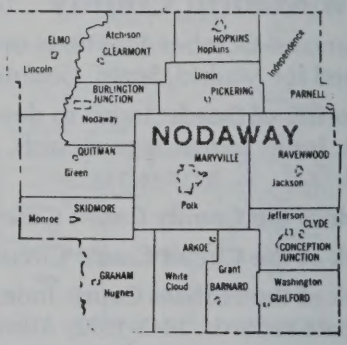

Oregon County (38 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Ripley County and named for the Territory of Oregon. County seat: Alton 65606.

Courthouse burned during the Civil War.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1845-1898; Deed records, 1845-1915; Patent records, 1887-1909; Marriage records and index, 1845-1861 and 1877-1924.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1887; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1890; Register of deaths, 1883-1889.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1845-?; Circuit court records, 1845-1859 and 1872-1889; Naturalization records, 1889-1904.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1857-1890; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1854-1892; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1883-1935; Settlement records, 1873-1892; Will records, 1854-1938.

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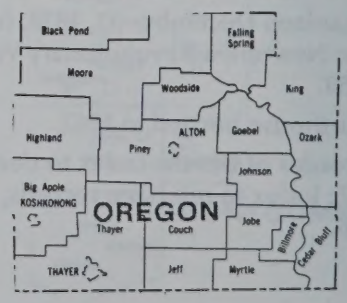


Osage County (52 reels)

Organized January 29, 1841, from Gasconade County and named for the Osage River. County seat: Linn 65051.

The name Osage is generally believed to be a "Corruption by the French of Wa-sha-zhe, the name of the Osage Indians. The name has also been given as Waw-sash-e, Wa-ca-se, and Wassashsha. Marquette spelled the name 'Ouchage' and Autrechacha. The name, to the Indians, meant 'people' ".

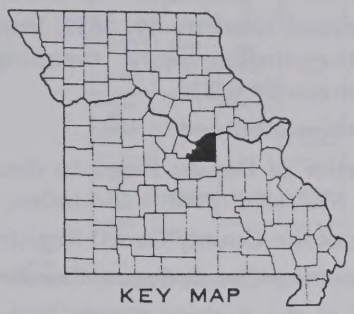
Courthouse burned on November 15, 1880.

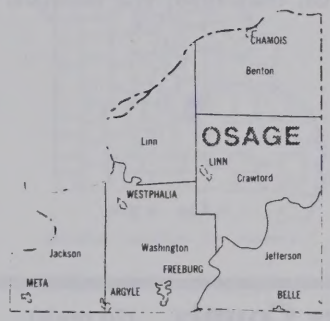
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1841-1886; Deed records, 1841-1889; Original land purchasers, (no dates); Marriage records, 1841-1920.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1895; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1898; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1893; Register of deaths, 1883-1894; County court records, 1841-1856; State census, 1876; Tax books, 1844, 1856-1865; Land owner's list, 1844; Poor Farm records, 1883-1951.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1841-1905; Circuit court records, 1841-1890.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1841-1895; Probate records, 1841-1892; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1841-1923; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1870-1898; Guardian's/curator's records, 1887-1894; Will records, 1841-1916.





Ozark County (15 reels)

Organized January 29, 1841, from Taney County and named for the Ozark Mountains. County seat: Gainesville 65655.

Ozark is the "anglicized version of the French abbreviation *"aux arcs"* for Aux Arkansas meaning 'in the country of the Arkansas.' "

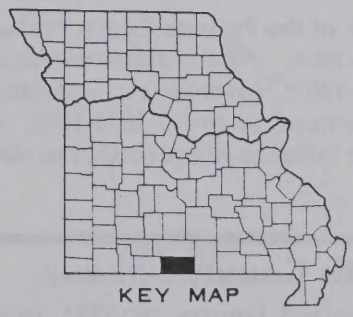
Originally organized January 29, 1841, as Ozark County, the name was changed to Decatur by an act of the Legislature on February 22, 1843. On March 24, 1845, the name was changed back to Ozark.

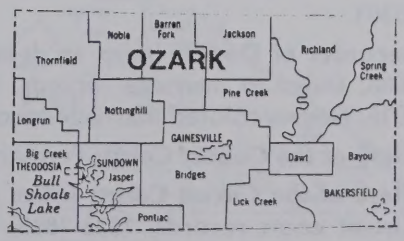
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1859-1899; Deed records, 1858-1886; Marriage records and index, 1858-1918.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1887; Register of births and stillbirths, 1884-1890; Permanent record of deaths, 1887-1889.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1858-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1865-1909; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1872-1914; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1872-1896; Will records and index, 1904-1941.





Pemiscot County (14 reels)

Organized February 19, 1851, from New Madrid County and named for the Indian word meaning "liquid mud." County seat: Caruthersville 63830.

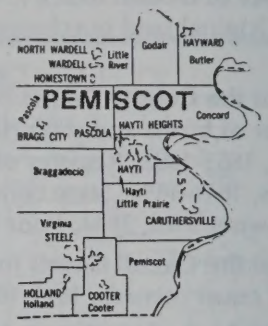
Courthouse burned in 1883.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1833-1902; Deed records, 1881-1900; Marriage records and index, 1882-1917.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1884.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1883-1889.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1882-1897; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1883-1911; Settlement records, 1883-1918; Will records, 1865-1928.



Perry County (70 reels)

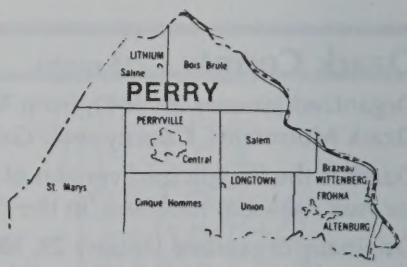
Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Ste. Genevieve County and named for Oliver H. Perry, naval hero of the War of 1812. County seat: Perryville 63775.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1821-1891; Deed records, 1821-1886; Index to marriage records, 1830-1950; Marriage records, 1830-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1894; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1887; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1894; Register of deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1821-1894; Naturalization records, 1893-1926; Application and admittance of aliens, 1859-1905.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1831-1916; Minute book, 1880-1884; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1845-1907; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1890; Settlement records, 1833-1892; Guardian's/curator's records, 1826-1876; Index to will records, (no dates); Will records, 1821-1914.



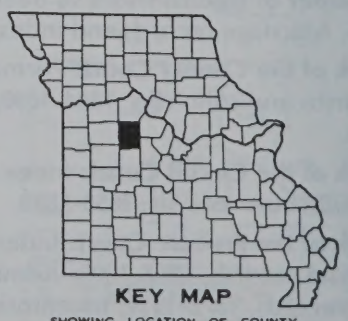
Pettis County (72 reels)

Organized January 26, 1833, from Cooper and Saline counties and named for Spencer Pettis, Missouri congressman. County seat: Sedalia 65301.

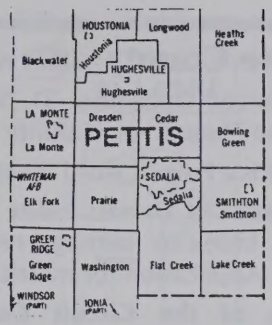
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1833-1885; Deed records, 1833-1888; Index to marriage records, 1833-1922; Marriage records, 1833-1916; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1874.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1885.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1838-1890; Circuit court records, 1833-1886; Naturalization records, 1903-1906; Declaration of intents, 1891-1906.



Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1834-1934; Probate records, 1837-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1833-1882; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1868-1887; Settlement records, 1868-1887; Guardian's/curator's records, 1868-1882; Will records and index, 1835-1921.



Phelps County (119 reels)

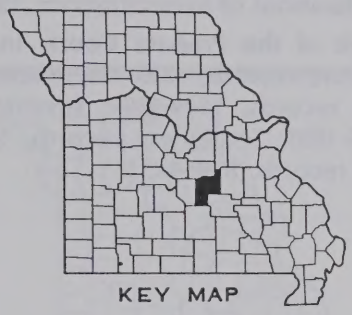
Organized November 13, 1857 from Crawford County and named for John F. Phelps, Congressman and later Governor of Missouri. County seat: Rolla 65401.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1857-1887; Deed records, 1857-1927; Patent records, 1908-1926; Marriage records and index, 1857-1920.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1890; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1890; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1890; Register of deaths, 1883-1890; Land tax book, 1885-1886; State census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1857-1880; Circuit court records, 1857-1891.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1858-1926; Probate records, 1858-1882; Probate minute book, 1867-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1863-1892; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1867-1887; Record of descendants, 1900-1910; Settlement records, 1874-1916; Probate estate files, 1864-1925; Will records, 1863-1924.



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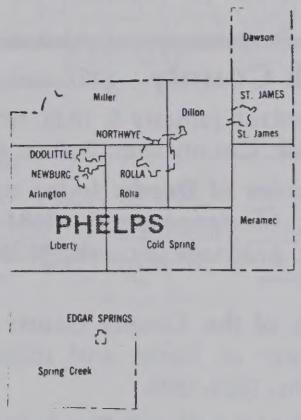

Pike County (76 reels)

Organized December 14, 1818 (effective February 1, 1819) from St. Charles County and named for Zebulon Montgomery Pike, explorer. County seat: Bowling Green 63334.

Courthouse burned in 1864.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1820-1889; Deed records, 1819-1916; Quitclaim deeds, 1869-1887; Deeds of trust, 1869-1872; Marriage records and index, 1825-1914; Marriages solemnized, 1903-1960.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery minutes, 1821-1837.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1884.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1819-1886; Commissioner's office book, 1826-1865; Book of entries*, 1819-1831.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1825-1894; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1825-1837; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1888; Settlement records, 1835-1865; Will records, 1883-1923.

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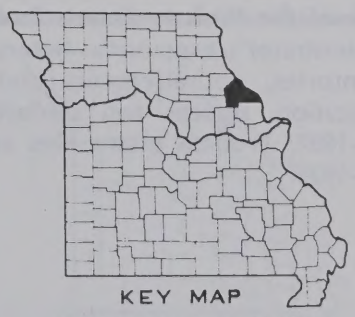

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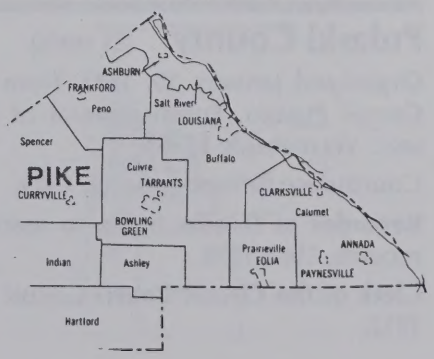


Platte County (109 reels)

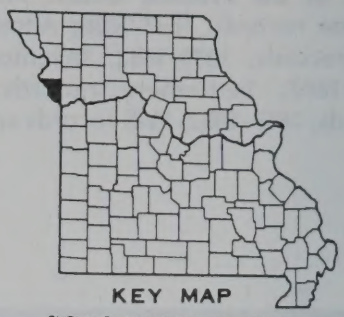
Organized December 31, 1838, from the Platte Purchase and named for the Platte River. County seat: Platte City 64079.

Platte is a French word meaning "flat" or "shallow".

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1839-1890; Deed records, 1839-1895; Index to marriage records, 1839-1894; Marriage records, 1839-1917; Application for marriage licenses, 1913-1919.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1839-1887; Naturalization records and index, 1846-1886 and 1905-1924; Declarations of naturalizations, 1907-1926.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1839-1936; Probate records, 1839-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1849-1894; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1852-1891; Settlement records, 1872-1902; Probate estate files, 1894; Will records, 1840-1933.



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Polk County (157 reels)

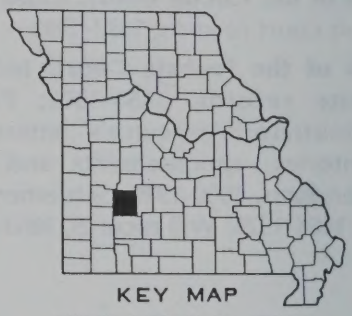
Organized January 5, 1835, from Greene County and named for James K. Polk. County seat: Bolivar 65613.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1871-1887; Deed records, 1837-1929; Mortgage deeds, 1884-1905; Index to marriage records, 1836-1920; Marriage records, 1836-1916; Military discharge records, 1863-1933.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1891; Register of births and stillbirths, 1872-1900; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1890.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1836-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1835-1890; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1837-1896; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1898; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1868-1879; Settlement records, 1869-1887; Probate estate files and index, 1835-1925; Will records, 1839-1929.



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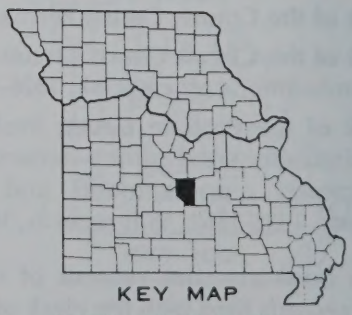
Pulaski County (11 reels)

Organized January 19, 1833, from Crawford County and named for Casmir Pulaski, Polish general of the American Revolution. County seat: Waynesville 65583.

Courthouse burned June 13, 1903.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to marriage records, 1903-1918; Marriage records, 1903-1919.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1834-1859 and 1903-1912.



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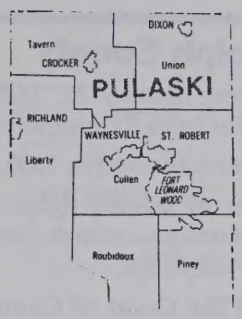
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1834-1889; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1833-1902; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1877; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1872-1899; Settlement records, 1875-1889; Will records, 1833-1925.



Putnam County (36 reels)

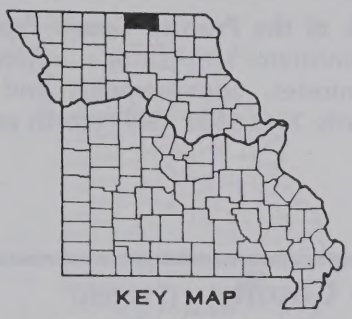
Organized February 28, 1845, from Adair and Sullivan counties and named for Israel Putnam, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Unionville 63565.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1848-1889; Deed records, 1847-1887; Quitclaim deeds, 1871-1890.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1878-1902; Register of births and stillbirths, 1887-1907.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1855-1892; Circuit court records, 1855-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1853-?; Probate records, 1857-1889; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1876-1940; Will records and index, 1857-1929.



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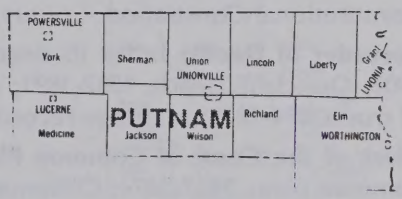


Ralls County (53 reels)

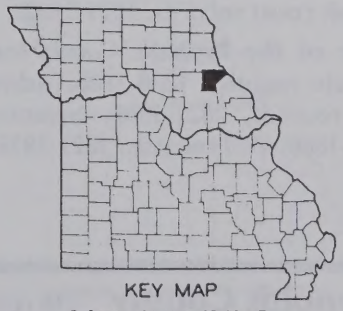
Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Pike County and named for Daniel Ralls, Missouri legislator. County seat: New London 63459.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1821-1891; Deed records, 1821-1895; Quitclaim deeds, 1872-1889; Deeds of trust, 1877-1881; Index to marriage records, 1821-1919; Marriage records, 1821-1924; Marriage contracts, 1838-1893.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1893; Register of deaths, 1883-1886.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1821-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1821-1889; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1850-1906; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1864 and 1872-1889; Settlement records, 1832-1888; Probate docket, 1869-1887; Record of descendents and heirs, 1900-1914; Will records, 1821-1918.



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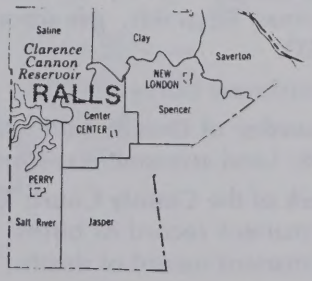

Randolph County (70 reels)

Organized January 22, 1829, from Chariton and Ralls counties and named for John Randolph of Virginia. County seat: Huntsville 65259.

Courthouse burned in 1880.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1829-1886; Deed records, 1841-1893; Marriage records and index, 1829-1917; Register of marriage license, 1883-1908.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Common pleas records, 1875-1879 and 1882-1886.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1889; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1889.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1858-1891.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1829-1888; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1873-1926; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1899; Settlement records, 1843-1890; Will records and index, 1836-1920.

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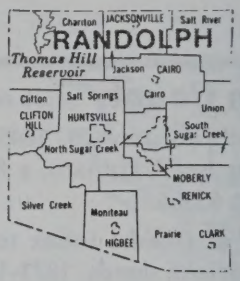


Ray County (71 reels)

Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Howard County and named for John Ray, member of the first State Constitutional Convention. County seat: Richmond 64085.

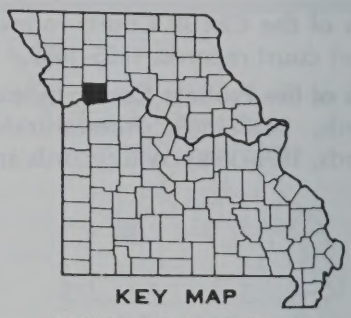
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1820-1886; Deed records, 1821-1908; Quitclaim deeds, 1882-1891; Mortgage deeds, 1858-1892; Deeds of trust, 1874-1879; Marriage records, 1820-1920.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Index to common pleas, 1867-1874; Common plea records, 1867-1870.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1890; Permanent record of births, 1883-1889; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1889; Justice of the peace docket book, 1836-1851.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1821-1888; Circuit court records, 1821-1882.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1823-1922; Probate records, 1838-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1821-1905; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1853-1886; Will records, 1821-1915.



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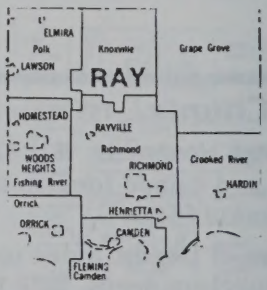


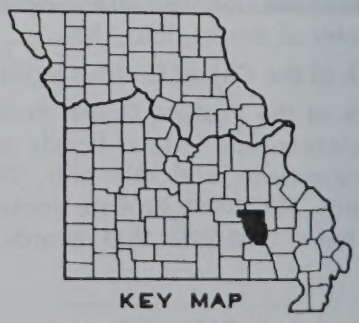
Reynolds County (18 reels)

Organized February 25, 1845, from Shannon County and named for Thomas Reynolds, governor of Missouri. County seat: Centerville 63633.

Courthouse burned in 1872.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1872-1891; Deed records, 1872-1899; Land assessment record, 1881; Marriage records, 1872-1925.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1886; Permanent record of births, 1883-1886; Register of deaths, 1883-1886; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1886; State census, 1876.



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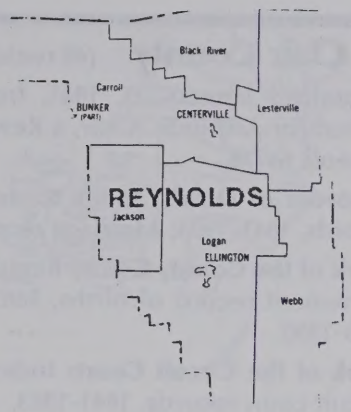
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1872-1889; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1872-1930; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1875-1893; Will records, 1908-1943.



Ripley County (56 reels)

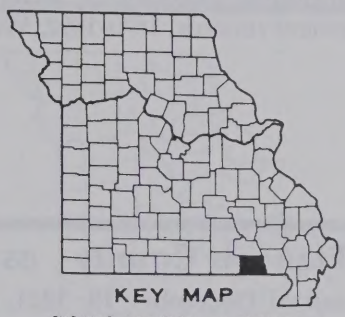
Organized January 5, 1833, from Wayne County and named for Eleazar W. Ripley, a soldier in the War of 1812. County seat: Doniphan 63935.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1854-1888; Deed records, 1844-1885; Sheriff's deeds, 1883-1890; Land patent records, 1833-1858; Index to marriages, 1887-1922; Marriage records, 1833-1922.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1897; Permanent record of births, 1883-1891; Register of deaths, 1883-1893; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1891; County court records, 1853-1868.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1874-1931; Circuit court records, 1867-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1882-1940; Probate records, 1856-1892; Probate minutes, 1883-1900; Probate estate files, 1860-1925; Will records, 1883-1927.



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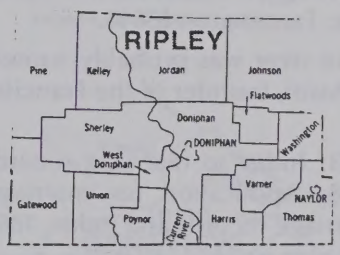


St. Charles County (174 reels)

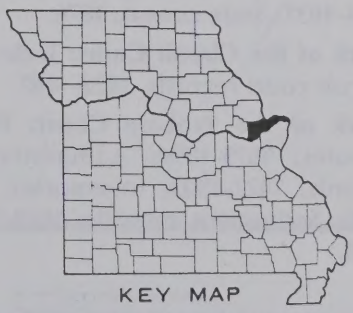
Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties and named for St. Charles Borromeo, Italian Cardinal. County seat: St. Charles 63301.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1804-1888; Deed records, 1804-1890; Index to deeds of trust, 1874-1888; Deeds of trust, 1873-1890; Marriage records, 1807-1916; Register of marriage licenses, 1883-1905.

Clerk of the County Court: County court records, 1836-1850.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1808-1974; Circuit court records, 1808-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1852-1886; Probate records, 1827-1886; Probate minutes, 1809-1879; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1805-1893; Settlement records, 1836-1844 and 1865-1868; Probate estate files, 1841-1903; Will records, 1822-1917.



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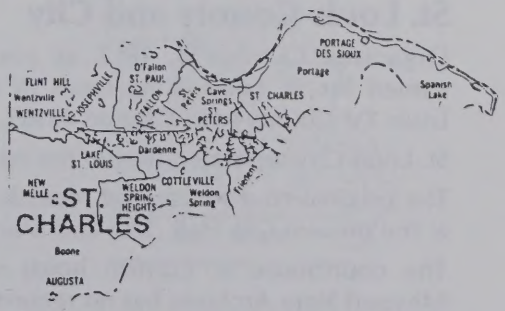


St. Clair County (49 reels)

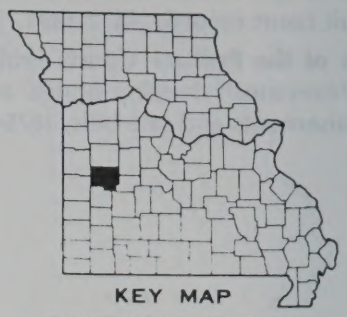
Organized January 29, 1841, from Rives (later Henry) County and named for Arthur St. Clair, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Osceola 64776.

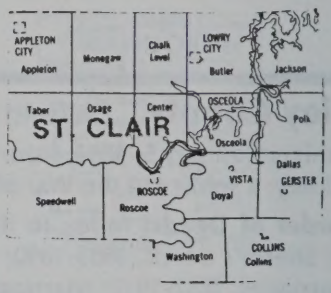
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1841-1861 and 1863-1886; Deed records, 1841-1903; Marriage records and index, 1855-1926.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1885; Permanent record of births, 1883-1903; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1890.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1841-1904; Circuit court records, 1841-1883.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records and index, 1865-1888; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1865-1890; Settlement records, 1870-1892; Will records and index, 1865-1921.





St. Francois County (55 reels)

Organized December 19, 1821, from Jefferson, Ste. Genevieve and Washington counties and named for the St. Francois River. County seat: Farmington 63640.

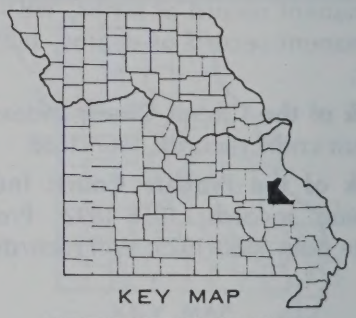
"The river was probably named by the early French for St. Francois of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order."

1893; Index to marriage records, 1836-1924; Marriage records, 1836-1918; Application for marriage license, 1900-1916; Negro/colored marriage records and index, 1865-1898.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1885; Permanent record of births, 1883-1893; Register of deaths, 1883-1885; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1890; Register of births and deaths, 1924-1931; State census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1857-1866; Circuit court records, 1822-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1843-1886; Probate minutes, 1879-1894; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1822-1903; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1880; Settlement records, 1859-1903; Will records and index, 1822-1916.



St. Louis County and City (94 reels)

Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties; named for St. Louis (King Louis IX of France), patron saint of King Louis XV. County seat: Clayton 63105.

St. Louis City separated fromm the county August 22, 1876.

The original courthouse and records for St. Louis County are located at the present City Hall, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, 63103.

The courthouse at Clayton holds records beginning in 1876. The Missouri State Archives has no records from Clayton.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1804-1900; Deed records, 1804-1832; Collet's index to French and Spanish archives, 1766-1854; French and Spanish archives, 1803-1848; Collet's index to deeds, 1804-1854; Index to marriage records, 1806-1965; Marriage records, 1808-1882.

Ste. Genevieve County (111 reels)

Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties and named for the French Saint, Patroness of Paris. County seat: Ste. Genevieve 63670.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1804-1896; Deed records, 1804-1902; Index to marriage records, (no dates); Marriage records, 1807-1929; Index to miscellaneous records, 1761-1854; Miscellaneous records*, 1761-1837.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Record of common pleas, 1804-1819.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1892; Permanent record of births, 1883-1892; Register of deaths, 1883-1892; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1892.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1819-1902; Circuit court records, 1819-1893; Naturalization records, 1888-1930.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1836-?; Probate records, 1828-1886; Index to administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1807-1917; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1879-1915; Will records and index, 1807-1917.

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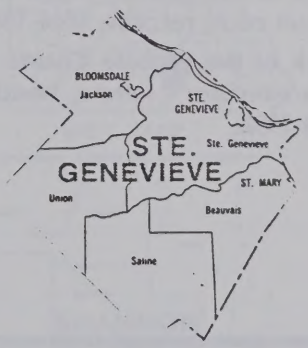


Saline County (111 reels)

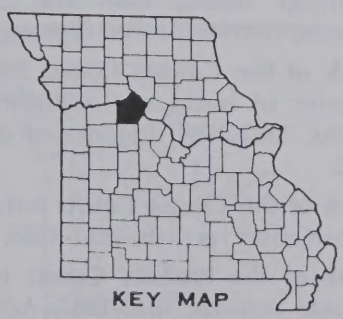
Organized November 25, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Cooper County and named for its numerous salt springs. County seat: Marshall 65340.

Courthouse burned during the Civil War.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1821-1885; Deed records, 1821-1891; Index to marriage records, 1835-1926; Marriage records, 1835-1920; Negro/colored marriage records and index, 1865-1870.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Common pleas records, 1869-1874; Chancery records, 1837-1851.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1885; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1885.



Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1821-1888; Circuit court records, 1821-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1821-1891; Probate records, 1821-1886; Probate variety book, 1821-1833; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1875-1903; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1887; Guardian's/curator's records, 1858-1873; Probate estate files, 1850-1925; Will records and index, 1837-1922.

Schuyler County (37 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Adair County and named for Philip Schuyler, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Lancaster 63548.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1846-1886; Deed records, 1845-1887; Warranty deeds, 1868-1886; Quitclaim deeds, 1874-1886; Marriage records, 1845-1892; Marriage register, 1886-1927; Marriage license records, 1881-1921.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1891; Register of births, 1883-1893; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1891; Register of deaths, 1883-1891.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1846-1909; Circuit court records, 1846-1889.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1845-1893; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1845-1932; Will records, 1845-1932.

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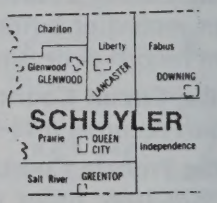


Scotland County (52 reels)

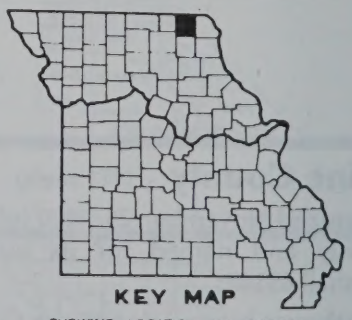
Organized January 29, 1841, from Clark, Lewis and Shelby counties and named for Scotland. County seat: Memphis 63555.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1836-1897; Deed records, 1836-1914; Quitclaim deeds, 1869-1882; Sheriff's deeds, 1880-1901; Mortgage deeds, 1867-1914; Deeds of trust, 1881-1903; Marriage records, 1841-1920; Marriage register, 1904-1941.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1889; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1889; Permanenet record of deaths, 1883-1889; Register of deaths, 1883-1889; Minute book, 1864-1872.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1841-1896; Circuit court records, 1841-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1842-1892; Probate records, 1842-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1852-1890; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1878-1888; Settlement records, 1854-1865; Will records, 1846-1918.



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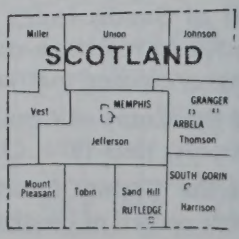


Scott County (53 reels)

Organized December 28, 1821 (effective March 1, 1822) from New Madrid County and named for John Scott, Missouri congressman. County seat: Benton 63736.

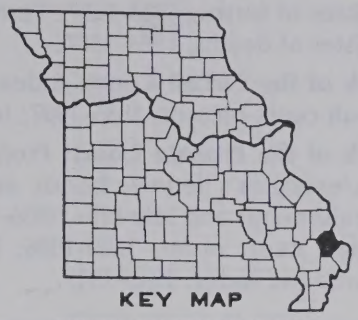
Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1822-1897; Deed records, 1822-1894; Quitclaim deeds, 1887-1901; Index to marriage records, 1840-1938; Marriage records, 1840-1920.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Record of common pleas, 1867-1869.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1886; Register of births, 1883-1886; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1886; Register of deaths, 1883-1886.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1822-1897.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1855-1860; Probate records, 1846-1889; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1862-1933; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1855-1889; Settlement records, 1855-1886; Guardian's/curator's records, 1863-1891; Probate docket, 1863-1890; Will records, 1825-1926.



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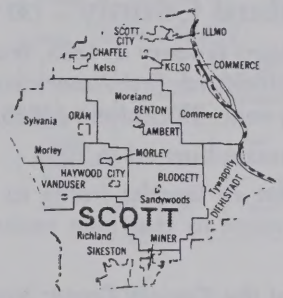


Shannon County (23 reels)

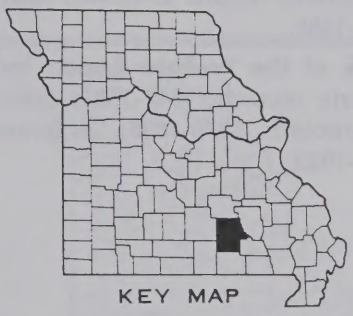
Organized January 29, 1841, from Ripley County and named for George Shannon of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. County seat: Eminence 65466.

Courthouse burned in 1863, 1871 and 1938; recorder's office burned in 1893.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1859-1887; Deed records, 1871-1892; Marriage records and index, 1881-1921.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1872-1915; Index to tax suits, 1880-1932.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1869-1911; Probate records, 1880-1904; Administrator's/executor's docket, 1875-1896; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1876-1899; Settlement records, 1876-1891; Will records, 1907-1918.



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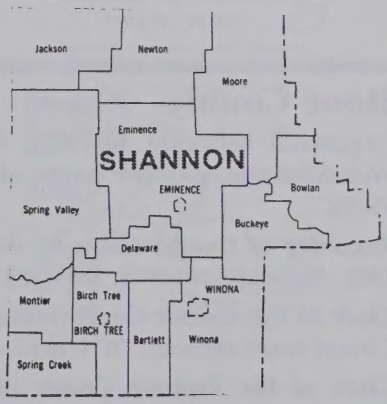

Shelby County (124 reels)

Organized January 2, 1835, from Marion County and named for Isaac Shelby, Kentucky governor and a Revolutionary War soldier. County seat: Shelbyville 63469.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1835-1891; Deed records, 1835-1884; Warranty deeds, 1867-1885; Quitclaim deeds, 1869-1884; Mortgage deeds, 1897-1905; Deeds of trust, 1867-1919; Marriage records, 1835-1919.

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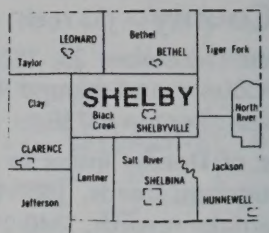
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1887; Register of births, 1883-1887; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1887; Register of deaths, 1884-1887.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1835-1925; Circuit court records, 1835-1907; Index to naturalizations, 1835-1925.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1863-1880; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1845-1955; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1836-1888; Settlement records, 1863-1888; Probate court order, 1880-1886; Probate estate files, 1891-1925; Will records and index, 1845-1917.



Stoddard County (30 reels)

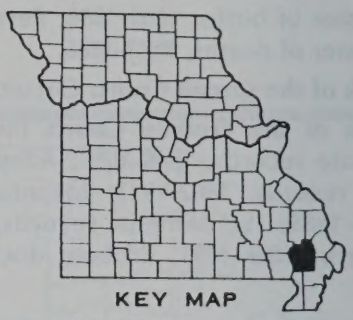
Organized January 2, 1835, from New Madrid County and named for Amos Stoddard, first American Civil Commandant of Upper Louisiana. County seat: Bloomfield 63825.

Courthouse burned in 1864.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1835-1891; Deed records, 1835-1886; Index to marriage records, 1865-1931; Marriage records, 1863-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1887; Permanent record of births, 1883-1886; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1849-1898; Probate records, 1847-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1876-1898; Settlement records, 1875-1886; Will records, 1835-1923.



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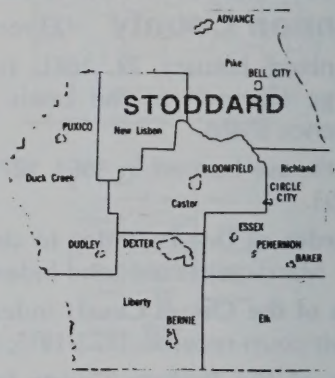


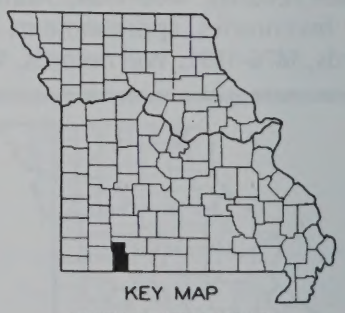
Stone County (46 reels)

Organized February 10, 1851, from Taney County and named for William Stone, pioneer judge of Taney County. County seat: Galena 65656.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1855-1887; Deed records, 1854-1888; Marriage records, 1851-1935.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1851-1892.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1850-1886; Probate records, 1851-1886; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1875-1922; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1875-1884; Guardian's/curator's records, 1875-1912; Probate estate files, 1857-1925; Will records, 1848-1923.



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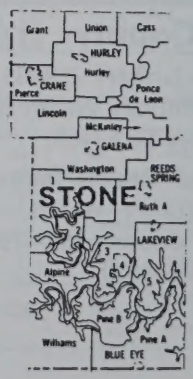


Sullivan County (91 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Linn County and named for James Sullivan, a Revolutionary general. County seat: Milan 63556.

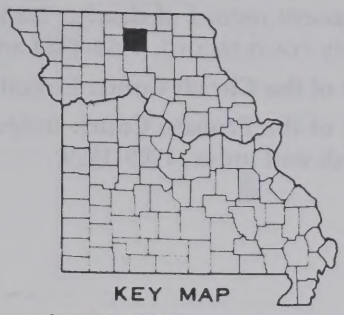
Originally defined by the Legislature as Highland County on February 17, 1843, the name was changed upon actual organization.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1845-1887; Deed records, 1845-1893; Warranty deeds, 1866-1890; Record of patents, 1858-1880; Swamp land patents, 1859-1953; Marriage records and index, 1845-1923; Register of marriage licenses, 1885-1931.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1835-1871 and 1883-1892; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1892; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1899.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, (no dates); Circuit court records, 1845-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1850-1889; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1871-1892; Settlement records, 1870-1905; Probate estate files, 1852-1912; Will records, 1849-1928.



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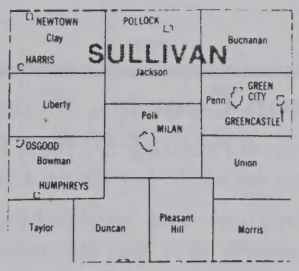


Taney County (6 reels)

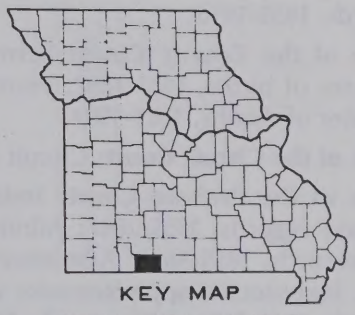
Organized January 4, 1837, from Greene County and named for Roger B. Taney, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. County seat: Forsyth 65653.

Courthouse burned in 1885.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1886-1895; Deed records, 1886-1888; Mortgage deeds, 1881-1906; Marriage records, 1885-1899 and 1908-1913.

Clerk of the County Court: Teachers registers, 1886-1918.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1888-1916; Will records, 1888-1916.



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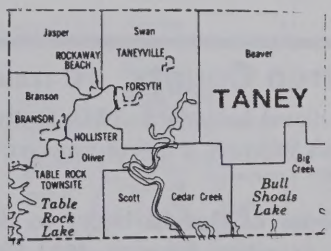


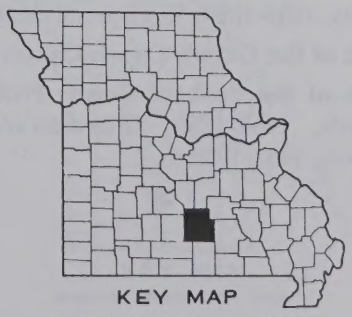
Texas County (34 reels)

Organized February 14, 1845, from Shannon and Wright counties and named for the Republic of Texas. County seat: Houston 65483.

Originally defined by the Legislature as Ashley County on February 17, 1843, the name was changed to Texas upon organization.

Courthouse burned in 1932.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1845-1893; Deed records, 1843-1906; Mortgage deeds, 1879-1887; Tract book, 1851-1899; Marriage records, 1855-1916.



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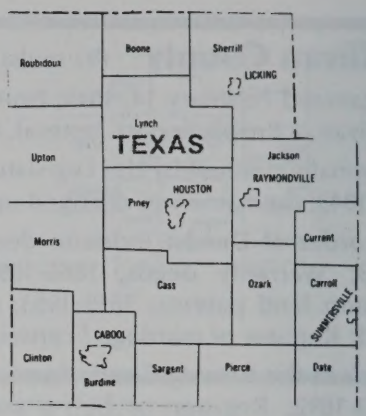
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1873-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1870-1931; Will records and index, 1909-1929.



Vernon County (71 reels)

Organized February 27, 1855, from Bates County and named for Miles Vernon, Missouri legislator. County seat: Nevada 64772.

The original law establishing Vernon County was approved on February 17, 1851, but was later declared to be unconstitutional in that the boundaries described were identical to those of Bates County.

Courthouse burned during the Civil War.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1845-1887; Deed records, 1855-1920; Index to marriage records, 1881-1900 and 1905-1925; Marriage records, 1855-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1894; Register of births, 1883-1897; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1896; Register of deaths, 1883-1904.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records and index, 1856-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1855-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1855-1899; Administrator's and guardian accounts, 1856-1872; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1857-1895; Settlement records, 1872-1883; Will records, 1856-1922.

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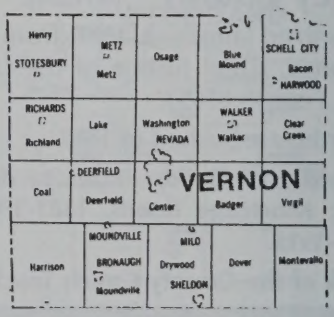

Warren County (47 reels)

Organized January 5, 1833, from Montgomery County and named for Joseph Warren, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Warrenton 63383.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1833-1886; Deed records, 1833-1938; Marriage records, 1833-1915; Application for marriage licenses, 1901-1920.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1888; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1889; Permanent record of deaths, 1884-1894; Register of deaths, 1883-1889.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1833-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1833-1889; Settlement records, 1868-1896; Guardian's/curator's records, 1885-1888; Will records, 1833-1918.

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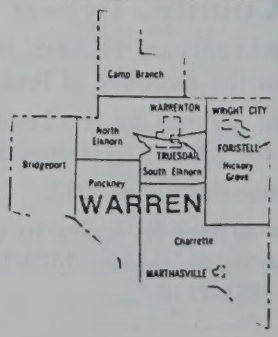


Washington County (50 reels)

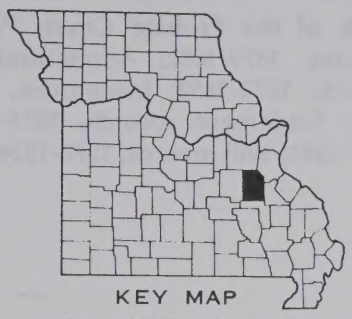
Organized August 21, 1813 (effective November 1, 1813) from Ste. Genevieve and named for George Washington. County seat: Potosi 63664.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1813-1895; Deed records, 1813-1890; Plat book, (no dates); Marriage records, 1815-1918; Negro/colored marriage records, 1865-1875.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1895; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1895 and 1974-1976; Negro marriage records with births, 1865-1875; Tax assessment ledger, 1854-1855.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1814-1895; Circuit court records, 1819-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, (no dates); Probate records, 1841-1887; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1825-1911; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1813-1845 and 1868-1879; Settlement records, 1813-1855; Guardian's/curator's records, 1848-1855; Will records, 1819-1929.



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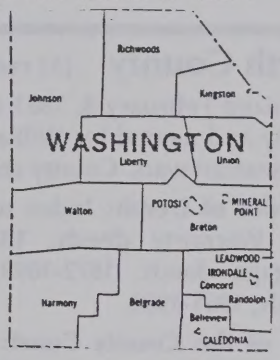

Wayne County (39 reels)

Organized December 11, 1818 (effective February 1, 1819) from Cape Girardeau and Lawrence counties and named for Anthony Wayne, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Greenville 63944.

Courthouse burned in 1854 and 1891.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, ?-1916; Deed records, 1849-1911; Sheriff's deeds, 1898-1936; Tax deeds, 1907-1926; Marriage records, 1892-1920.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit court records, 1893-1918.

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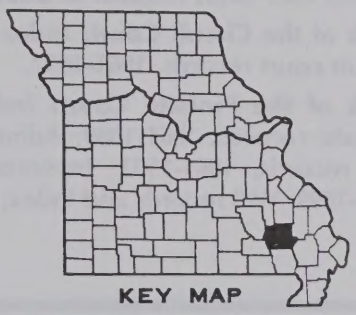

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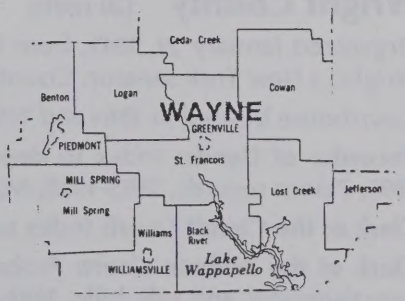


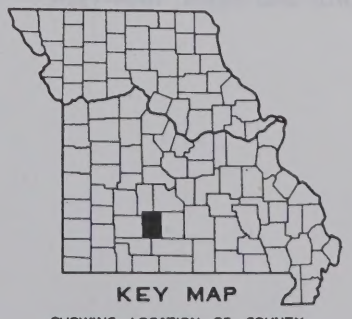
Webster County (34 reels)

Organized March 3, 1855, from Greene County and named for Daniel Webster. County seat: Marshfield 65706.

Courthouse burned in 1863; destroyed by cyclone in 1881.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1854-1887; Deed records, 1855-1925; Marriage license records, 1855-1921; Marriage license register, 1883-1918.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1884; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1893; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1884; Record of state board of health, 1883-1905.



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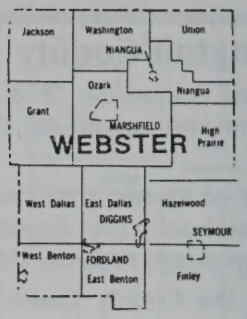
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1856-1886; Probate minutes, 1879-1882; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1871-1898; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1871-1889; Settlement records, 1871-1890; Guardian's/curator's records, 1871-1898; Will records, 1870-1924.



Worth County (32 reels)

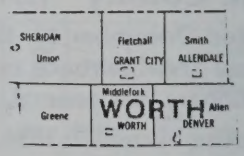
Organized February 8, 1861 (effective February 25, 1861) from Gentry County and named for William Jenkins Worth, a soldier in the Florida and Mexican wars. County seat: Grant City 64456.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1849-1894; Deed records, 1849-1881; Warranty deeds, 1876-1888; Quitclaim deeds, 1871-1888; Mortgage deeds, 1872-1899; Deeds of trust, 1873-1890; Marriage records, 1861-1928.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent record of births, 1883-1893; Register of births and stillbirths, 1883-1893; Permanent record of deaths, 1883-1893; Register of deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1861-1870; Circuit court records, 1861-1892.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to probate records, 1861-1949; Probate records, 1861-1889; Administrator's/executor's letters, bonds and records, 1861-1933; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1872-1899; Will records and index, 1886-1926.



Wright County (20 reels)

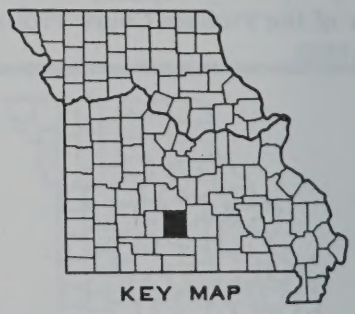
Organized January 29, 1841, from Pulaski County and named for Silas Wright, a New York senator. County seat: Hartville 65667.

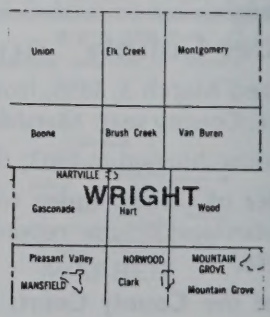
Courthouse burned in 1864 and 1897.

Recorder of Deeds: Index to deeds, 1853-1894; Deed records, 1866-1896; Patent records, 1895-1903; Marriage records, 1897-1921.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to circuit court records, 1895-1903.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate records, 1853-1886; Inventories, appraisements and sale bills, 1884-1896; Proof of publication, notices and affidavits, 1872-1889; Guardian's/curator's records, 1872-1928; Will records and index, 1864-1926.





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The Missouri State Archives Guide to County and Municipal Records on Microfilm provides a general reference to county and municipal records available at the Missouri State Archives. This guide updates the 1990 **Guide to County Records on Microfilm.** Records were filmed by the Missouri State Archives, as part of an ongoing Judicial Records Microfilming Project in conjunction with the Missouri Supreme Court; the Missouri State Archives' Local Records Preservation Program; and the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) in cooperation with the Office of the Secretary of State. Actual dates of records vary due to fires, floods, and other forms of destruction and neglect.

The guide is divided into two sections. The **Description of Records** contains a chronological list, showing the dates of organization for all counties, a county outline map of Missouri, a description of the record series listed, and a brief discussion of federal and state census records available.

The **Listing of County and Municipal Records** is arranged alphabetically by county, and thereunder by office of origin. Generally, the records of the following offices were filmed for each county: Recorder of Deeds, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Clerk of the Probate Court. In addition, records include Clerk of the County Court, Chancery Court, Court of Common Pleas, County Assessor/County Collector, and County Superintendent of Schools. Although some counties have combined the duties of the Clerk of the Circuit Court with those of the Recorder of Deeds, the records of both offices have been listed separately for clarity. In addition, many municipal records are available. These are listed alphabetically by city within the county listings.

Under each county office, the records have been grouped into large general series. For example, under the Clerk of the Probate Court, series were established for probate records, will records, and the appropriate indexes. In the few instances where a general grouping appeared incomplete, separate series were established as needed.

Span dates have been included for each series without further breakdown; however, gaps do exist within certain series. Although distinct sub-series could have been identified, the inconsistency of record keeping procedures in each county effectively prevented such an approach. For example, deed records may include warranty, quitclaim, trust, and mortgage deeds. Although the deeds may cover a large period, the individual groups may only cover parts of the overall period. For example, deeds may cover the period 1841 - 1907; however, mortgage deeds may cover only 1893 - 1906, and warranty deeds only 1841 - 1894. A similar example would be the probate records, which include letters of administration, executor's and administrator's bonds, appraisals, inventories, and estate settlement records of varying dates within those indicated for the general series.

In addition to the record series listing for each county are two maps: (1) a key map showing the relative location of the county in Missouri, and (2) a township boundary map for the county based on the 1990 census.

This issue of the **Missouri State Archives Guide to Records on Microfilm** was prepared under the supervision of Patricia Luebbert by Archives staff members Christyn Elley, Steve Sandy, and Denise Ziegelbein.

The Missouri State Archives was created in 1965 by an act of the 73rd General Assembly. The act established the Records Management and Archives Services as a division of the Office of the Secretary of State. In 1972, the 76th General Assembly extended the Records Act to include local government. The purpose of the Missouri State Archives is to preserve the permanently valuable records of state and local government in Missouri and make them available for research.

The Archives' stacks hold 40,000 cubic feet of records. The Records Center has a capacity of approximately 150,000 cubic feet of records, including 60,000 cubic feet considered to be of permanent historical value.

The **primary finding aid** for the Archives is the Descriptive Inventory, which describes records at the series level for each established record group.

Under the provisions of the Public Records Law (*Revised Statutes of Missouri*, Chapter 109, Rev. 1994), public records are open and available for research. Certain records are restricted by statute to protect the privacy of individuals and to prevent misuse of information gathered by the State of Missouri.

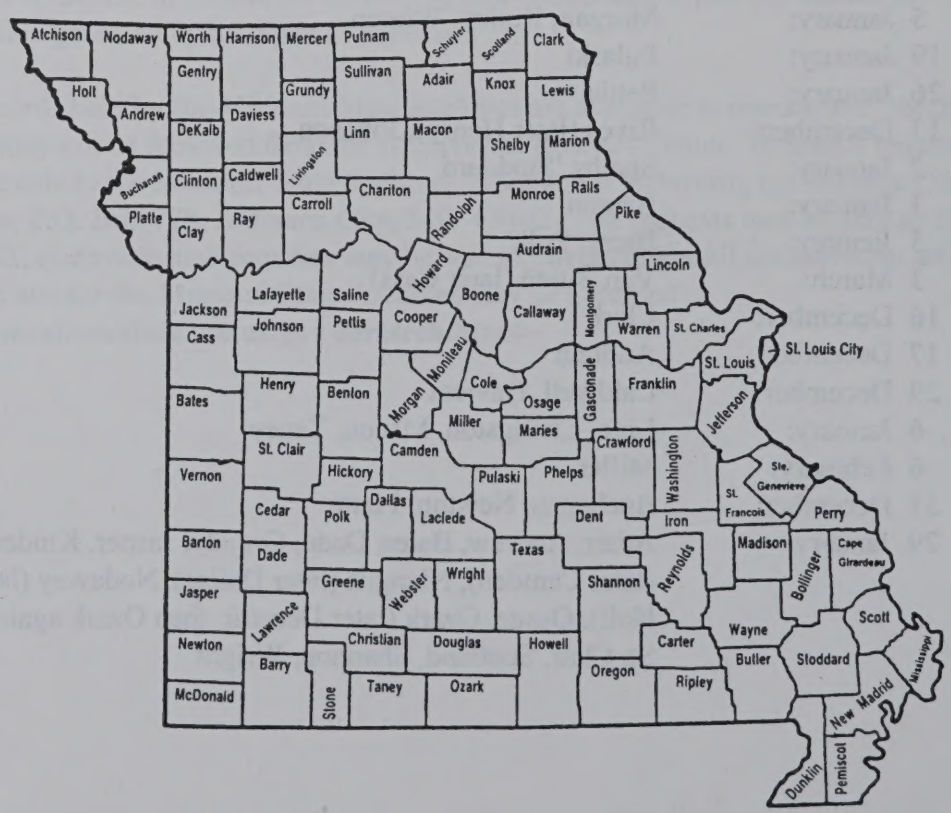
Most records held by the Missouri State Archives are available to researchers. Archival records may not be removed from the Archives or Records Center. Research requests may be made to the Missouri State Archives in person or by writing to: Missouri State Archives, P.O. Box 778, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Fax requests may be sent to 573-526-7333; electronic mail requests may be sent to **<archref@mail.sos.state.mo.us>**. The web site for the Missouri State Archives may be accessed at **<http://mosl.sos.state.mo.us/gov-ser/arch.html>**.

Organization of counties

Missouri has 114 counties. The first counties were organized in 1812 and the last in 1861. The City of St. Louis became a separate governing entity from St. Louis County in 1876.

1812-	1 October:	Cape Girardeau, New Madrid, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Ste. Genevieve
1813-	21 August:	Washington
1816-	23 January:	Howard
1818-	8 December:	Jefferson
	11 December:	Franklin, Wayne
	14 December:	Lincoln, Madison, Montgomery, Pike
	17 December:	Cooper
1820-	16 November:	Boone, Chariton, Cole, Lillard (now Lafayette), Perry, Ralls, Ray
	25 November:	Callaway, Gasconade, Saline
1821-	19 December:	St. Francois
	28 December:	Scott
1822-	2 January:	Clay
1826-	15 December:	Jackson
	23 December:	Marion
1829-	22 January:	Randolph
	23 January:	Crawford
1831-	6 January:	Monroe
1833-	2 January:	Carroll, Clinton, Greene, Lewis
	5 January:	Morgan, Ripley, Warren
	19 January:	Pulaski
	26 January:	Pettis
1834-	13 December:	Rives (later Henry), Johnson
1835-	2 January:	Shelby, Stoddard
	3 January:	Benton
	5 January:	Barry, Polk
	3 March:	Van Buren (later Cass)
1836-	16 December:	Clark
	17 December:	Audrain
	29 December:	Caldwell, Daviess
1837-	6 January:	Linn, Livingston, Macon, Taney
	6 February:	Miller
1838-	31 December:	Buchanan, Newton, Platte
1841-	29 January:	Adair, Andrew, Bates, Dade, Grundy, Jasper, Kinderhook (later Camden), Niangua (later Dallas), Nodaway (later Holt), Osage, Ozark (later Decatur, then Ozark again), St. Clair, Scotland, Shannon, Wright

1845-	14 February:	Atchison (defined as Allen in 1843), Cedar, Dunklin, Gentry, Harrison, Hickory, Knox, Lawrence, Mercer, Mississippi, Moniteau, Nodaway, Oregon, Schuyler, Sullivan (defined as Highland in 1843), Texas (defined as Ashley in 1843)
	25 February:	DeKalb, Reynolds
	28 February:	Putnam
1846-	18 December:	Dodge (abolished and added to Putnam in 1853)
1849-	24 February:	Laclede
	27 February:	Butler
	3 March:	McDonald (defined as Seneca in 1847)
1851-	10 February:	Dent, Stone
	19 February:	Pemiscot
	1 March:	Bollinger
1855-	27 February:	Vernon
	2 March:	Maries
	3 March:	Webster
	12 December:	Barton
1857-	17 February:	Iron
	2 March:	Howell
	29 October:	Douglas
	13 November:	Phelps
1859-	8 March:	Christian
	10 March:	Carter
1861-	8 February:	Worth
1876-	22 August:	St. Louis City separated from St. Louis County



Description of Record Series

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The following county and municipal record series descriptions have been included to help the user make maximum use of the records listed in Part II. The series are arranged by office of origin and reflect the statutory duties of each county official.

Recorder of Deeds

Direct index to deeds: Abstract of and index to record of deeds, including warranty deeds, quitclaim deeds, sheriff's deeds, guardians' deeds, administrators' and executors' deeds, railroad deeds, miscellaneous deeds, deeds of trust, and deeds of release. Gives the name(s) of the grantor and grantee, date and nature of instrument, consideration, description of property, date filed, and volume and page number where record may be found. Arranged alphabetically by the surname of the grantor.

Indirect index to deeds: Same as the DIRECT INDEX except arranged alphabetically by the surname of the grantee.

Record of deeds: Transcript of deeds conveying real estate. Gives name of grantor and grantee, description and location of property, consideration, dates of transfer and filing, acknowledgment, and certificate of recorder. Includes warranty deeds, quitclaim deeds, deeds of trust, sheriff's deeds, etc. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Warranty deed record: Record of deeds conveying and warranting title in fee simple to real estate, showing date of deed, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of property, signature of grantor(s), acknowledgment, date filed, and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Administrators' deeds: Record of appraisal and sale of property of deceased persons by administrators, giving name of estate, date of appraisement and sale, consideration, description of property, authority to sell, name of administrator, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically.

Quitclaim deed record: Record of transfers of interest in or title to real property without granting title. Gives same information as WARRANTY DEED RECORD. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Sheriff's deed record: Deeds to real estate sold by sheriff at public auction, showing date and place of sale, description and location of property, consideration, grantee, and parties to execution, acknowledgment, date filed, and certificate of recorder.

Index to mortgages: Direct and/or indirect indexes to mortgage records, showing name of mortgagor and mortgagee, serial number, nature and date of instrument, dates filed and recorded, amount of debt, and date and manner of satisfaction. Arranged alphabetically.

Mortgage records: Record of direct conveyances of real estate from debtors to creditors to secure the payment of indebtedness and giving grantee the power to sell in the event of default, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, amount of debt secured and how evidenced, date of maturity, terms and conditions of sale, disposition of proceeds, acknowledgment of grantor, date and time of filing, name of recorder; if satisfied by payment or quitclaim, signature of payee and acknowledgment and certification by recorder. Arranged chronologically.

School fund mortgage record: Record of mortgages given to secure repayment of money loaned from school funds, showing date of instrument, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of property, amount and terms of loan maturity, rate of interest, names of witnesses, statutory acknowledgment, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder.

Chattel mortgage record: Original mortgages covering personal property filed with recorder, showing serial number, date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, amount and conditions of note, maturity, signatures of mortgagor and recorder, and date and time file.

Deeds of trust: Record of conveyances of real estate to a trustee as security for the repayment of money loaned, showing date; names of grantor, grantee, trustee, and beneficiary; description and amount of note; description and location of property; terms of instrument; maturity; acknowledgment; date filed; and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Plat book: Plat book shows location of all land in county by section/township/range numbers and in towns and cities by lot and block numbers, with name of owner and road and school district in which located, number of acres or dimensions or tract or lot, and survey number.

Index to marriage record: Gives name of contracting parties, date filed, volume and page where recorded. May include license number for later years. Usually arranged alphabetically by surname of groom and then alphabetically by surname of bride.

Marriage record: Record of marriages performed, giving name and residence of contracting parties, date of marriage, signature of party officiating, date of filing, and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically by date filed. Parental consent in noted for parties under age, but the name of the parent consenting is rarely given. Later records include marriage license and certificate of marriage.

Application for marriage licenses: Applications for license to marry, showing date, names, residences, and ages of contracting parties, consent of parent or guardian of minor, and signatures of applicants.

Register of marriage licenses: Record of certificates of marriages performed and marriage licenses issued and returns on same, giving names, ages, witnesses person officiating, residences of both parties, name and address of parent or guardian, and date and place of ceremony. Arranged chronologically.

Negro and Colored marriage record: Record of marriages of persons of color, held as slaves in the State of Missouri prior to 1865 and who lived together as husband and wife. Gives name of parties, date and place of ceremony, certificate of officer performing ceremony, names of living children and of descendants of deceased children of the parties born before the ceremony of marriage, and date recorded. Arranged chronologically by date filed and usually indexed within the volume. If not listed separately, Negro marriages are included in the MARRIAGE RECORD, noted above.

Military discharge records: Record of certification of discharge from the armed services giving name, enlistment record, date and reason for discharge, physical description, places of residence and service, name of commanding officer, date of filing, and certificate of recorder. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Selective Service records: An alphabetical record indicating registration number by local board; name, address, occupation, date of birth; date of induction and where, branch of services, military serial number; nearest relative or friend, reason for exemption.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court

Index to common pleas: Index to Court of Common Pleas showing names of plaintiff and defendant, style and number of case, and volume and page. Arranged alphabetically by name of plaintiff.

Record of common pleas: Record of all proceedings of Court of Common Pleas prepared from minute book, showing date, term of court, officials in attendance, style and number of case, motions head, orders granted, judgments entered, all other action taken by court, and adjournment. Arranged chronologically.

Chancery minute book: Proceedings in cases tried before circuit court in chancery without jury, giving title and number of case, term of court, date, action taken, and signature of chancellor. Arranged chronologically.

Minutes of oyer and terminer: Minutes of the proceedings at a court of oyer and terminer before judges of the general court of the Territory of Louisiana and Court of

Common Pleas. These are the daily proceedings during the term of court, as recorded by the Clerk. Indicates orders and actions taken.

Clerk of the County Court

Permanent record of births: A permanent record of births, giving the name of child, date and place of birth, sex, and race; nationality, residence, and ages of parents, occupation and full name of father, maiden name of mother, name and address of medical or other attendant making return; in case of stillbirth, name of undertaker and place of burial. Arranged alphabetically by surname of the child.

Register of births and stillbirths: A register of births and stillbirths, giving name of child, date and place of birth, sex, and race; nationality, residence, and ages of parents, occupation and full name of father, maiden name of mother, name and address of medical or other attendant making return; in case of stillbirth, name of undertaker and place of burial. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Permanent record of deaths: A permanent record of death, giving date of report, name, sex, color, age, occupation, marital status, nationality, birthplace; date, place, and cause of death; date and place of burial, addresses of undertaker, physician returning certificate. Arranged alphabetically by surname of deceased.

Register of deaths: A record showing date of report, name, sex, color, age, occupation, marital status, nationality, birthplace; date, place, and cause of death; date and place of burial, addresses of undertaker, physician returning certificate. Arranged alphabetically by surname of deceased. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

County court record: Record of proceedings of the county court, showing date and place of meeting, names of officials present, actions taken on all county business, adjournment, signature of presiding judge. Arranged chronologically by date of meeting.

Right-of-way and Road records: Transcript of instruments releasing and quitclaiming to the State right-of-way for State highways. Shows date; name of grantor; the State of Missouri as grantee; description of land by section, township, and range number; range and road district numbers; signature of grantor; acknowledgment; date filed; recorder's certificate. Arranged chronologically.

Road contracts and specifications: Estimates from the Missouri State Highway Department regarding the construction or repair of roads. Includes specifications for job, definitions of terms, bid instructions, and general provisions. Arranged chronologically.

Road records: Petitions for the development of new roads, indicating description of planned road, name and township of persons signing petition, date. Includes order for

surveyor, report of Commissioner of Roads; survey notes including marks of survey, course, distance in rods, township/range maps. Also includes appointment of commissioners to assess damage, notes, oaths, date of report. Arranged chronologically.

Surveyor's record: Field notes and plats made by the county surveyor. Shows number and date of survey; for whom made; chainmen sworn; points established; section, township, range, and principal meridian numbers; signature and seal of presiding judge; attestation by county clerk; date recorded, and signature of recorder. Arranged chronologically.

County treasurer's records: May include any records kept by the county treasurer as required by law. Types of records may include cash books, treasurer's ledgers, accounts with banks, returned checks, bond records, records of revenue collected, township school funds, school bond records, treasurer's apportionment records, treasurer's road fund records, fees and costs.

Bond and commission record: Record of commissions issued and bonds given by public officials. Gives date of commission; title of office; term; name of issuing officer; date and copy of oath; date, amount, and condition of bond; names of principal and sureties; signatures of presiding judge and county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date of filing.

Record of marks and brands: Complete record of marks and brands for livestock. Gives name and address of owner, description of brand or mark, filing date and signature of clerk of county court. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Wolf scalp receipts: Record of bounties paid on wolf scalps, showing date, by whom, number presented, amount of bounty paid, to whom, date or term of court when paid. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Estray record: Record of stray livestock taken up. Gives oath of finder, date taken up and where, name of township, kind of animal, marks and descriptions, date of affidavit, certificate of appraisers, appraised value, proof of publication, names of finder and appraiser. Signature of justice of the peace. Arranged chronologically by date filed.

Assessment records: Records of assessments against real estate, showing name of owner, number of acres, legal description of property, amounts of various state and county levies, original valuation by assessor and as adjusted by boards of equalization, total amount to tax, date assessed, affidavit by county assessor certifying that assessments are in accordance with sworn declarations of persons assessed and embrace all taxable land in the county.

Tax books: Record of real and personal property taxes, giving name, description of property, total valuation by assessor and county and state boards of equalization, allocation to various state and county funds, total tax, date paid.

Almshouse inmates: List of persons admitted to the almshouse, indicating the following information: name of inmate, personal description (race, date of birth, marital status, sex), number of children, place of birth, nativity and parent nativity, occupation, date of admission and cause, physical or mental impairment, date of final discharge. Arranged chronologically.

Board of Health minutes: Miscellaneous papers regarding the duties of the County Board of Health, including quarantine records, notices of attending influenza patients, list of physicians in the county, minutes of the County Board of Health, and medical pamphlets. Arranged in chronological order.

Building commission files: Records and reports containing information about development sites, including construction costs, name of subdivision, contractor information, and building specifications. Also includes legal land description of site. Arranged numerically.

Chiropractic licenses: Record of licensed chiropractors with certificates issued by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Shows name, date filed for record, signature of deputy clerk, and signature of circuit court clerk. Arranged chronologically.

County Textbook Commission: Includes records kept in conformity with County Uniformity Textbook Law, Session Act 1907. Indicates members of commission, by whom appointed, beginning and ending dates of term. Also includes official list of books adopted for use in the county schools with the following information: author, title, publisher, price, date adopted, and date adoption expires. Minutes of commission meetings are included.

County Ward book: Record of commitments to county institutions, such as county poor farms, etc., indicating name of institution and the following information: name of resident, date of order from court to commit, date of admission, date of discharge/furlough/release, date of return, remarks. These records are primarily for the pre-1940 period. Arranged chronologically.

Dentist certificates (registration): Certificates issued by the State Board of Dental Examiners, indicating name of person practicing, county of residence, diploma received, name of school or university granting diploma, date, names of State Board of Dental Examiners. Arranged chronologically.

Ditch records: Records maintained by the drainage district noting where problems occurred, court orders for improvements, proceedings, and actions taken. Includes dates and possibly contracts. Arranged chronologically.

Embalmers licenses: Record of licensed embalmers, indicating name and date of license, and signatures of state board of examiners. Arranged chronologically.

Farm Name Register: Chronological register of farm names, indicating name of owner, registered name of farm, and legal land description of farm.

Federal Relief records: Administrative papers pertaining to the work of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, a federal relief organization, in Missouri. The papers include applications, reports, and instructions for implementing the programs.

Forfeited list book: A list of lands and town lots against which judgment was rendered by the County Court for taxes, interests, and costs due thereon as stated, and which were exposed to public sale according to law, and, for want of bidders, were then forfeited to the State for nonpayment of taxes; and the records of all sales, redemptions, and subsequent proceedings related thereto. Includes name, quantity of land and legal land description, years for which taxes are due, valuation, taxes due certain funds, interest to date of judgment, sale or redemption.

Loyalty oaths: Series of questions answered under oath. The oaths were devised under the Missouri Constitution of 1865 ("Drake Constitution"), and designed to determine where a person's loyalty had been during the Civil War. The questions concerned personal background information and activities during the war years.

Register of nurses and attendants: Register of licenses indicating name, residence, date and place of birth, license number, date of license, date registered, and remarks. Arranged alphabetically.

Pharmacist certificates (registration): Certificates issued by the State Board of Pharmacy, indicating name of person performing duties of pharmacist, stating that evidence of qualification was submitted to State Board, date the certificate was issued, names of commissioners, signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically.

Poll road tax books: Record indicating district, township, and section numbers in an account book kept by the road overseer, showing date and debit for poll road tax. Arranged chronologically.

Poll tax book: Alphabetical listing of name, poll tax due, when paid, receipt number, manner of payment (money or labor), amount delinquent, and remarks.

School enumeration records: Enumeration record indicating name of parent/guardian, post office address, name of student, sex, date of birth, age when enumeration taken.

Special execution record: A list of lands and town lots against which judgment was rendered by the County Court, which were ordered to be sold, according to law, for taxes, interest, penalties, and costs due. Gives name, quantity, description of property sold, years for which taxes are due, taxes due to certain funds, total interest to date of judgment, costs. Also includes name to whom sold and quantity sold; redemption by

whom, date, amount paid; and deeded to whom. Indicates carried to forfeited list, and book and page where recorded. Arranged chronologically.

Survey land: Records of survey notes and plat drawings indicating name, date, surveyed for whom, and book and page where recorded.

Swampland: An abstract of declaratory statements of settlers on swamp and overflowed lands, indicating name of settler, date of filing, date of settlement, parts of section, legal land description, paid or due. Arranged chronologically.

Warrant register: Ledger book of distributions made by the County Court. Includes name of person paid and amount. There is no indication of transaction purpose. Arranged chronologically.

Water district papers: Working papers of Public Water Supply districts, including maps of the district, working papers for equipment, water system study, minutes of meetings, contracts, correspondence, and financial statements. Arranged chronologically.

Justice of the Peace

Justice of the Peace docket: Record indicating actions heard by the Justice of the Peace. Includes attorneys, parties to action, nature of proceedings, justice fees, constable fees, witness and juror fees, record of proceedings, actions taken, and township and county where located. Arranged chronologically.

Justice of the Peace records: Docket book indicating style of case, date, proceedings of the court, and actions taken. Arranged chronologically.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Naturalization petitions (included in record)/Petitions for citizenship: Petitions for foreign-born persons to be admitted as citizens of the United States. Gives name of petitioner, residence, occupation, date and place of birth, point of emigration, date and port of arrival, name of vessel, date and place of filing original declaration, marital status (if married, gives wife's name, place of birth, and residence, as well as number of children, date and place of birth, and residence of each), oath of allegiance, time of residence in the United States, certificate of Department of Labor, date of petition, prayer, signature of petitioner, circuit court's action.

Naturalization record/Declaration of intention: Original declarations of intention to become a citizen of the United States, filed in circuit court by foreign-born persons. Gives name of applicant, age, personal description, occupation, place and date of birth,

race, present address, point of emigration, name of vessel, last foreign residence, oath of allegiance, date and port of arrival, signatures of declarant and circuit clerk. Also includes petitions. Arranged chronologically.

Certificates of naturalization: Stubs of certificates of naturalization issued to accepted petitioners. Gives certificate number, name and age of applicant, date of petition; name, age, and address of wife; names, ages, and addresses of minor children; date of court order and signature of applicant. Arranged numerically by certificate number.

Certificate of declaration and allegiance: Certificates of declaration and allegiance to the United States by persons desiring to become citizens. Gives name of applicant, date of certificate, place of birth, date of entry into United States, oath, acknowledgment, signature and seal of circuit clerk, date filed. Arranged chronologically.

Citizenship petitions granted: Record of certificates of naturalization issued to accepted petitioners. Gives certificate number, name and age of petitioner, petition number and date, change of name granted, date of court order, signature of circuit judge. Arranged chronologically or numerically by certificate number.

Index to civil and criminal papers (case files): Alphabetical index for all circuit court cases filed. Gives date filed, term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, case number and where filed. Arranged alphabetically; Civil cases by name of plaintiff and criminal cases by name of defendant.

Direct and indirect index to circuit court record: Alphabetical index gives names of parties, number of case, term of court, date, volume, and page where recorded. Plaintiff and defendant names are arranged alphabetically.

General direct index: Abstract of and alphabetical index to circuit court civil case records and files. Contains references to case files, circuit court record, order of publication, divorces, adoption record. Gives number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, date and cause of action, final disposition, volume and page where proceedings and fees are recorded, and designation of location where files are maintained. Arranged alphabetically by surname of plaintiff.

Index to circuit court records: Alphabetical index to circuit court record; juvenile court record; judgment docket; abstract of executions; fee books (civil and criminal); and tax fee books. Gives title and number of case, date of filing, cause of action, volume and page where recorded, and final disposition. Arranged alphabetically by title of case.

Direct and indirect index to circuit court record: Alphabetical index gives name of parties, number of case, term of court, date, volume and page where recorded. Plaintiff and defendant names arranged alphabetically.

Index to criminal records: Alphabetical index to criminal case records and files in circuit court. Contains references to case files, circuit court records. Gives case number, name of defendant, nature of offense, volume and page where proceedings and costs are recorded, dispositions, date and location of files. Arranged alphabetically by name of defendant.

Minutes circuit court, minutes of circuit court—civil division, minutes of circuit court—criminal division, minute books, circuit court minutes: Proceedings noted at sessions of the circuit court, later transferred to the circuit court record. Includes date, officials in attendance, style and number of case, proceedings, adjournment. Arranged chronologically.

Circuit court record, Circuit court record—criminal division, Criminal court record: Permanent record of proceedings of circuit court civil and criminal cases. Includes terms of court, date, officials in attendance, number and style of case, detailed statement in formal language of any proceedings, motions, judgments, actions taken, adjournment. Arranged chronologically.

Abstract of circuit court record: Abstract of civil and criminal cases in circuit court. Gives number of case, names of parties, type of action, pleadings, motions, judgments rendered, book and page where recorded. Arranged numerically by case number.

Index to judgment docket, Index to judgment and decree docket: Alphabetical index to judgment docket (abstract). Gives date, name of judgment debtor, number of case, volume and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of judgment debtor.

Judgment docket (abstract), Judgment and decree docket: Abstract record of final judgments and decrees rendered in circuit court. Gives number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, term of court, date and nature of judgment or decree, amount of debt, damages or costs, entry or satisfaction or other disposition. May also contain abstracts of executions. Arranged chronologically.

Judgment docket: Record of all judgments rendered in circuit court. Gives date, style and number of case, in whose favor and against whom rendered, amount of judgment, book and page where recorded. Arranged chronologically. Indexed alphabetically by name of judgment debtor.

Circuit court record (divorce): Record of divorces granted. Gives term, date, names of plaintiff and defendant, case number, proceedings, and disposition of case. Arranged chronologically.

Record of the minutes: Proceedings of territorial court indicating date, style of case, and proceedings of court. Arranged chronologically.

Territorial records: Records indicating term of court, plaintiff, defendant, description of proceedings, and actions taken. Arranged chronologically.

Clerk of the Probate Court

General index to probate court records: Numerical index to and abstract of estates. Index contains citations to PROBATE COURT PAPERS, PROBATE COURT RECORD, EXECUTORS BONDS, LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, INVENTORIES, SALE BILLS, AND GUARDIAN AND CURATOR APPOINTMENTS. Gives name and number of estate, term, date, nature of proceedings, court orders, volume and page where recorded, date filed. Arranged numerically by estate number.

Index to general index to probate court records: Alphabetical index of estates. Gives name and number of estate, volume and page number in the general index. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Index to probate court record: Alphabetical index showing name and number of estate, volume and page where entry is recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Index to probate papers/Index to files: Alphabetical index to probate court files. Gives name and number of estate, name of person appointed to administer estate, dates of appointment and discharge, location of files. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Probate minute book: Memoranda of proceedings of the probate court noted at sessions and later transferred to PROBATE COURT RECORD. Gives term, date of session, name and number of estate; name of executor, administrator, guardian, or curator; business transacted and signature of probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

Probate court record: Complete record of all proceedings in estate administered in probate court. Gives term, date, name and number of estate, nature of proceedings or order made, and signature of probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

Probate papers (case files)/Probate files: Original files in the administration of estates, containing applications for letters (testamentary, of administration, or of guardianship), bonds and oaths of persons appointed, settlements, claims allowed or rejected, other papers in probate matters assembled in separate folders under names of estate. Arranged chronologically, or numerically by estate number.

Index to record of administrators, executors, and guardians: Alphabetical index giving name of estate, name of administrator, executor, guardian, or curator, book and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Application letters and bonds/Administrators' and executors' letters: Record of applications for letters of administration and letters testamentary, giving name of deceased, date of death, names, residences and relationship of heirs-at-law, legatees and devisees, appointment of administrator or executor, date appointed, names of witnesses to inventory, bond and oath of person so appointed, names of principal and sureties, date of oath and execution of bond, signature of probate judge, date of filing. Arranged chronologically.

Letters of administration/Administrators' bonds and letters: Record of letters of administration granted. Gives number of estate, name of decedent and last residence, name of administrator, date appointed, names of witnesses for inventory, signature of clerk and seal or court; amount, date, and conditions of bond, names of principal and sureties, dates approved and recorded. Arranged chronologically.

Executors' bonds and letters testamentary: Record of letters testamentary. Gives name of deceased testator, number of estate, name of person appointed executor, date of appointment, signature of probate judge or clerk and seal of court, oath of appointees; bond to the State of Missouri, showing date of executor and sureties, amount, conditions, approval, and date recorded. Arranged chronologically.

Appointments and bonds of administrators (will annexed and de bonis non): Record of appointments by the probate court of persons other than those named as executors and of person to complete administration of estates which had not been fully administered. Gives name of deceased, number of estate, date and reason for appointment, name of appointee, authorization to administer estate, signature of clerk, seal of court; oath and bond of appointee, showing names of principal and sureties, amount, approval by court, and dates of execution and filing. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Bonds/Guardians' and curators': Original bonds and oaths of administrators, executors, guardians, and curators. Gives name of principal and surety, date, amount and conditions, date of approval, name of probate clerk, date filed. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Record of bond/Administrators' and executors': Record of bonds and oaths filed. Gives name of principal and surety, date, amount and conditions, date of approval, name of probate clerk, and date filed. Arranged chronologically.

Inventory and appraisement record/executor and administrator inventories, certificates and affidavits, record of inventories, appraisements, and sale bill: Record of inventory and appraisement of all real and personal property belonging to estates of decedents, giving description and appraised value of property, date of inventory and appraisal, names and oaths of witnesses to inventory, appraisers and executor or administrator, date filed for record, and signature of probate judge. Arranged chronologically. (Title varies, may be called JOURNAL and may also include BILL OF SALE).

Sale bill record/Public sale of personal property, private sale of personal property, account of sale: Record of sale clerk's accounts of sales of personal property belonging to estates filed by executor or administrator. Gives name and number of estate, date of order, date and place of sale, articles sold, to whom, sale price of each, name of sale clerk, date report filed. Arranged chronologically. (Sometimes included in INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT RECORD).

Index to settlement record: Alphabetical index to settlement records, giving name of estate, date of settlement, book and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Settlement record/Administrator and executor settlements: Record of semiannual, annual, and final settlements of estate administered in probate court. Gives name of estate, executor or administrator, guardian or curator, number of voucher, total debits and credits, balance due estate or distribution made, affidavit of person making settlement, name of probate clerk, date filed. Arranged chronologically by term of court.

Administrators' notice (of appointment): Notice of appointment of administrators, executors, guardians, and curators with proof of publication. Gives name of estate, date of appointment, affidavit of publisher of newspaper in which published, giving dates and number of issues in which notice appeared. Arranged chronologically.

Administrators' notice of final settlement: Record of notices published of intention to file a final settlement of estate by administrator or executor. Gives name of estate, date to be filed, affidavit of publisher, name of newspaper, and dates of publication. Arranged chronologically.

Notices and publishers' affidavits/Administrators', executors', and guardians' notice: Record of notices pertaining to administration of estates, including notice of letters by executors and administrators of all types, public administrators' notice of taking charge of estates. Gives number of estate, name of decedent, date of appointment, name and designation of representative, attestation by judge or clerk, term of court at which final settlement will be made, date of notice, copy of docket showing dates on which settlements are due, affidavit of publisher showing date and name of newspaper in which published. Arranged chronologically.

Orders of publication: Petitions by administrators or executors of estates for order of sale of real estate to pay debts or legacies. Gives name and number of estate, date and term of court, name of administrator, dates of petition and order of publication, affidavit of publisher, giving name of newspaper and dates of publication of notice of sale. Arranged alphabetically by name of deceased, or chronologically by date of order.

Application for appointment as guardian and curator of minor/Record of applications for guardian and curator: Record of applications for appointment as

guardian or curator of minor, giving name of applicant, name of minor, age, residence of minor, estimated value of his real and personal estimated property, names of parents, whether living or dead, dates of application and appointment, name of probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

Appointment of guardian or curator: Record of appointments of guardians and curators of minors and insane persons. Gives term of court, name, age, and residence of ward; name and address of guardian or curator, date of appointment, amount of bond, names of sureties, date approved by probate court, and name of probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

Index to guardians' and curators' inventory and appraisement: Alphabetical index to inventory and appraisement record. Gives name of estate, guardian or curator, book and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Guardians' and curators' inventory and appraisement/Inventory and appraisement—minor and insane: Record of guardians' and curators' inventory and appraisement of all property belonging to estates of minors and persons of unsound mind. Gives name of ward, number of estate, name and affidavit of guardian or curator, oath of witnesses and appraisers, appraised valuation, and date filed. Arranged chronologically.

Index to guardians' and curators' settlement record: Alphabetical index to settlement record. Gives name and number of estate, name of guardian or curator, book and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Guardians' and curators' settlement record: Record of settlements filed in estates of minors and persons of unsound mind. Gives name of guardian or curator, number and name of estate, term of court, date, balance at last settlement, amount of receipts and disbursements, balance on hand, affidavit of guardian or curator, name of probate judge, date filed. Arranged chronologically by term of court. (Discontinued as a separate record).

Index to abstract of demands: Alphabetical index gives name of estate, book and page where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of estate.

Abstract of demands: Abstract of claims and demands allowed against estates of deceased person. Gives name and number of estate, name of claimant, date allowed, class, and amount. Arranged chronologically. (Title varies: ESTATE AND CLAIM DOCKET).

Probate court docket: Record of all cases to come before probate court. Gives name and number of estate, date letters granted or appointments made, matter before the court, service had or orders made at last term, list of settlements due, and orders entered at current term. Arranged chronologically.

Docket books (probate): Term docket. Gives term and date, number of estate, names of parties and attorneys, matter before the court, service had or order made at last term, list of settlements due, and order entered at current term. Arranged chronologically.

Settlement docket: Term docket of settlements by administrators, executors, guardians, or curators. Gives name and number of estate, date filed, name of person appointed to administer estate, number of settlements and date of each, order of court, and name of attorney. Arranged chronologically by date of settlement.

Execution docket: Probate record indicating name of estate and administrator/guardian/executor, date and amount of judgment, amount of execution, executions issued, to whom delivered, to whom cost assigned, officer's returns, and remarks.

Wills: Original wills filed for probate. Gives name and residence of testator or testatrix, provisions of will, names of legatees and devisees, provisions of will, name of executor, and attestation of witnesses. Arranged chronologically.

Record of wills: Record of wills probated, giving name of testator or testatrix, provisions of will, signature of witnesses, certificate of probate signed by probate judge. Arranged chronologically.

Perpetual docket: Probate record indicating name of estate, date of appointment, and name of administrator, executor, or guardian appointed. Arranged chronologically.

Probate register: Record book indicating the following information about probate cases: register number and decedent or ward; administrator, executor, or guardian; will probated and where recorded; bonds; date of letters and where recorded; inventories; legal notices, affidavits, pleadings, motions; orders, decrees, reports; settlements; judgments and claims; miscellaneous information. Arranged chronologically.

Record of decedents: Record of estates on which letters of administration and letters testamentary have been issued. Includes name of descendants, date and place of death, date of letters, estimated value of real and personal property, value of real and personal property as shown by inventory, heirs at large (names and residence), legatees and devisees, estimated value of real estate, total value of legacy, amount of tax, and amount of receipt. Arranged chronologically.

Abstract of allowances (claims): Probate record indicating name of estate, name of claimant, date, where recorded, class number, amount claimed. Arranged chronologically.

Inheritance tax: Probate order setting date to appoint appraiser to determine market value of property or interest due therein in case of transfer of the property which is

subject to payment of a tax under provisions of Missouri tax law. Indicates date, name of estate, administrator/executor. Arranged chronologically.

Mentally ill records: Probate records for estates of the mentally incapacitated administered by the probate court. Indicates date, name of estate, name of judge and clerk, complete transcript of motions filed, record of proceedings, and actions taken. Arranged chronologically.

County Superintendent of Schools

County Superintendent: These records may include school directories, organization of school districts, family census records, teachers permanent records, records of school business, expense accounts, reports of county superintendents to State Superintendent, State Department high school reports, rural and high school district reports to county and state superintendents, teachers' tenure records, teachers' examinations grades, examination and certificate records, transcripts and health certificates of teachers, State Teachers Association members, permanent record card of pupils, delinquent record card, transfer cards, enrollment cards, and lists of graduates.

Attendance records: Record of pupil attendance, giving name of student and number of days attending class; daily program of activities; pupil data, including names of parents; enrollment figures.

Board of Education: Record of board proceedings and decisions regarding school district business. Includes appointments, financial records and statements; teachers employed, name, grade of certificate, school term, salary; township clerk's report to superintendent. Arranged chronologically.

District clerk's records: Records kept by the clerk of the school district, including proceedings of annual school board meetings, school expenses, names of taxpayers, teacher contracts, and financial statements.

District records (school): Records maintained by individual school districts, which include the following types of information: record of attendance, with the name and daily attendance of each student; record of standing and classification, with name, subject, and earned grade, with individual recommendations and remarks; record of annual and special meetings of the school board, with minutes of business conducted; financial records; teacher term reports, with statistics regarding sex, age, race, as well as teacher information regarding college hours attained, and experience. Arranged chronologically by school district.

School census cards: Index card taken for school enumeration records. Indicates name of child, date and place of birth, full name of father, full name and maiden name of

mother, sex and race of child, name of school attended, year, and grade attained. Arranged alphabetically.

School enumeration records: Enumeration record indicating name of parent/guardian, post office address, name of student, sex, date of birth, age when enumeration taken.

School register: Register of students, indicating name, names of parents/guardians, race, and sex.

Teacher institutes: Record of teachers' institutes held, indicating date and place; name, address, and teaching information about teacher attending; days attended institute. Also includes minutes and records of institute.

Teacher reports: Reports indicating names of students and addresses, textbooks used, attendance records, and some grades.

Visitation records: Records indicating district number and name of school; assessed valuation and levy; school officers, addresses; school teachers, salary; questions regarding teacher, methods of teaching, and subjects taught; enrollment figures; building and out-building conditions; equipment inventory; library inventory and suitability of materials; memoranda.

Office of County Collector

Abstract of current taxes: Records indicating date; name of taxpayer; taxes for state, county, road, railroad, school; interest; and total taxes. Arranged chronologically.

Abstract of taxes collected: List indicating taxes collected. Shows name and following tax information: state tax, county tax, school taxes, colored school tax, and total collected. Arranged chronologically.

Delinquent land tax: Record of land and town lots returned delinquent for taxes. Indicates owner's name, quantity of land, parts of section or survey of towns and additions; legal land description, valuation, and other taxes due. Arranged chronologically.

Land delinquent summary: List of persons owing taxes on personal property returned delinquent. Indicates name, valuation, taxes due to state, county, and road; total taxes due; and remarks. Arranged chronologically.

Past due taxes: A list of lands and lots undertaken to collect taxes. Includes name, valuation, legal land description, taxes due certain funds, total interest due, date of judgment, penalty, total amount, redemption, and remarks. Arranged chronologically.

School tax: Indicates name, acres owned, subdivision, legal land description, valuation, all other personal property, total aggregate, school tax, and remarks. Arranged chronologically.

Office of the County Assessor

Assessment records: Indicates to whom assessed, index to real estate, livestock owned; money, notes, and bonds; all other personal property, total valuation by assessor; taxes for state, county, road, and railroad; and remarks. Arranged chronologically.

Land assessment records: Records indicating to whom assessed, description of real estate, total valuation by State Board of Equalization, and remarks. Arranged chronologically.

Land register: Record for assessment of taxes, indicating name of owner (original and present), legal land description, improved and unimproved land, aggregate of totals, valuation, and remarks. Arranged chronologically.

Land tax record: Records for tax purposes, which indicate the following land information: to whom assessed, original claimant, present owener, acres, legal land description, valuation, slaves, other personal property, money/bonds/notes, taxable property, total state tax, total amount of all taxes. Arranged chronologically.

Personal tax records: Assessor's records indicating owner's name, real estate description, personal property, state taxes, county and local taxes. Arranged chronologically.

Property assessment records (erroneous): Records indicating claims of errors in assessing taxes. Includes name of claimant, nature of error, court's findings and judgment, date, and tax abatement distribution. Arranged chronologically.

Real estate assessment records: Records indicating to whom tax is assessed, description of real estate, total valuation by amount of dollars, and remarks. Arranged chronologically.

Real estate tax: Records indicating to whom tax is assessed; legal land description; city or town; amount of land; valuation; taxes for state, county, road, back taxes, and railroad. Also includes total taxes due, and date of payment. Arranged chronologically.

Tax assessment records: Records indicating to whom tax is assessed, land description, city or town or village lot description, slaves, other personal property, description of

equipment and business buildings, taxable property, total state tax, total amount of all taxes due. Arranged chronologically.

Tax lists: Record of real and personal property taxes, giving name, description of property, total valuation by assessor and county and state boards of equalization, allocation to various state and county funds, total tax, and date paid. Arranged chronologically.

Municipal Records

Annual report (library): Reports concerning operations of the library, delivered each fiscal year. Reports include receipts, expenditures, classification of material, number of volumes, borrower statistics, circulation statistics, financial reports, program attendance statistics, librarians' reports. Arranged chronologically.

Board, commission, and committee records: Includes reports, correspondence, and other files pertaining to ad hoc groups established by the municipality.

Building commission files: Records and reports containing information about development sites. These include construction costs, name of subdivision, contractor information, and building specifications. Also includes legal land description of site. Arranged numerically.

Cemetery maps and plats file: Consists of maps and plats showing detailed drawings of each section of city cemetery surveyed. May also include worksheet of plats designating exact location of grave plots.

Cemetery registers: Consists of books kept in ledger form, showing all lots with plat location, name of purchaser, deed number, price of lot, and date of purchase.

City census: Listing of residents within a particular city or town. Indicates name, sex, race, occupation, and nativity. Sometimes arranged in alphabetical order.

City charter: Includes the constitution and by-laws of the city, for those municipalities authorized and approved for charter forms of government. Also includes charter amendments.

City Hall records: These are the records kept by the City Clerk, primarily administrative records produced in the course of daily city administration, and include financial reports, regulatory information, municipal ordinances, public hearing notices, construction bids, receipts, taxpayer statements, correspondence, work orders, and more.

Emergency calls journal/log: A daily listing of all emergency calls responded to. May include ambulance, police, and fire, either in combination or separately as appropriate.

Fire incident emergency reports file: A record of fire incidents which include incident number; month, date, and year; day of week; alarm time, arrival time; address of fire, occupant's name; method of alarm; type of situation found, action taken; number of personnel, engines, and other vehicles at the scene; units responding; incident-related injuries and deaths; property use; area and level of fire origin; termination state; equipment involved and form of heat of ignition; structure type; construction type and method; extent of damage, insurance, property damage classification, dollar loss; method of extinguishing, number of hydrants used; signature of person completing report.

Fire log books: List date of incident, time, name of caller, stations responding, total hours of service, miles traveled, kind of building on property, location, cause, method by which fire was extinguished, number of lines used, size and ladder, and help. May also include insurance carried and estimated loss.

General license register: Record indicating name, address, business to be licenses, date of issue, and expiration. Arranged chronologically.

Minutes and agendas: Consist of minutes and agendas presented to the governing body at its official meetings. May include appointments, budget reports, proclamations, annexation petitions, resolutions, and other documents submitted for the official records.

Ordinances and resolutions: Resolutions consist of copies of resolutions, including dates of adoption and signatures, sometimes with supporting materials. Also may include documentation relating to ordinances and action of City Council. Ordinances include ordinance number, title, text, date passed, and signatures. Ordinances and resolutions may relate to a variety of subjects, such as new appointments, contract and agreement amendments, tax levies, alcohol licenses, zoning, and other issues relevant to municipal business.

Planning and zoning commission: Application forms indicating name of applicant and development site with legal description. Also includes affidavit of publication, notice of public hearing, correspondence, and other administrative papers.

Zoo records: Various records including records of acquisition to show USDA officials during inspection of zoo facility, documenting receipt or transfer of mammals; health certificates detailing veterinarian's inspection of an animal prior to shipping; shipping permits, domestic and import/export, used to ship endangered species in the United States or worldwide; individual animal files, studbook cards, breeding loans, annual inventory of animals; various administrative papers.

Federal Census

The federal government has taken a census of the population of the United States every ten (10) years since 1790. Each of these twenty-one (21) census enumerations survive, except the 1890 schedules. Those were destroyed by a 1923 fire while in storage in Washington, D.C., prior to microfilming.

The first federal census for the State of Missouri was the 1830 census. Missouri became a state in 1821, and was not enumerated until the 1830 census was taken. Federal censuses for Missouri which are available to the researcher at the present time are:

- 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 — There is a printed index for each of these.
- 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 — Soundex, a type of statewide index, is available for these records.

The census schedules for 1930 through 1990 are not available to the public for use. Each census will be released by the Bureau of the Census at a date approximately seventy-five (75) years from the date the census was taken, i.e. 1930 census released circa 2005. It is possible to request a search of these restricted censuses for one specific close family member, for a fee, if certain criteria can be met. To obtain a copy of their "Application for Search of Census Record" form and the necessary instructions, write to: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Pittsburgh, Kansas, 66762.

Missouri Census Records

The need for statistical information about the population by the government of Missouri Territory resulted in the taking of a state census in the years 1814 and 1817. These census records listed only free white males. The next census was taken in 1821, the year statehood was achieved. Beginning in 1824 and following at four (4) year intervals through 1876, other state censuses were taken.

The Census Act of 1824 and thereafter required that the sheriffs or assessors submit abstracts of their returns to the Secretary of State and that they file the original returns with the Clerks of the County Courts. Only a very few of the state census enumerations have survived. A list of these follows:

Census Year	County(ies)
1840	New Madrid, Newton, Pike, Randolph, Ray, *Rives (later Henry), Shelby, Stoddard, and Warren
1844	Callaway, Greene
1856	Audrain

1868	Cape Girardeau
1876	Atchison, Benton, Butler, Callaway, *Cape Girardeau, Christian, Daviess, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, *Holt, *Howard, *McDonald, Madison, Moniteau, Montgomery, *Osage, Perry, Phelps, *Reynolds, Ripley, St. Francois, Stone, Texas, Webster, and Worth

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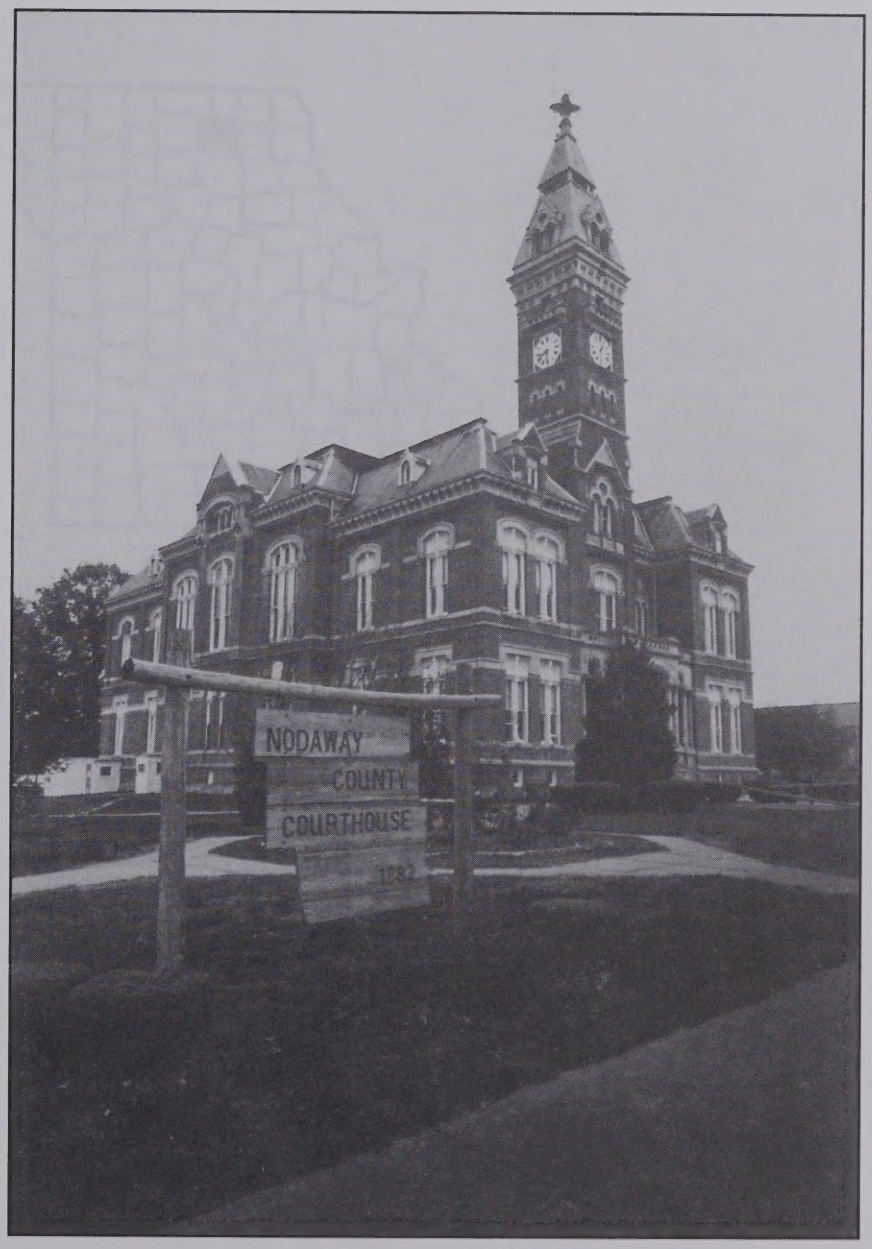
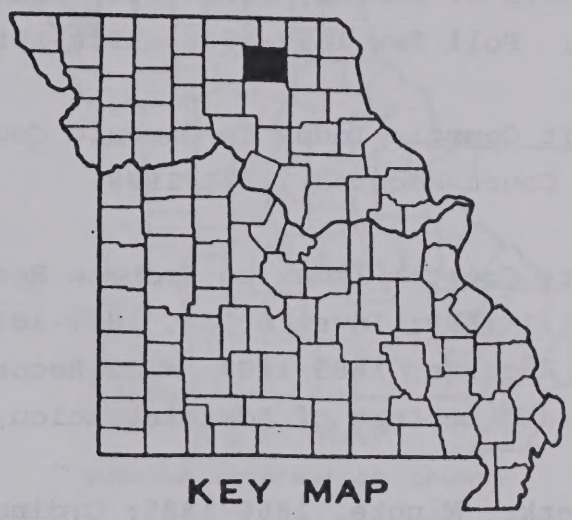
Listing of County and Municipal Records



ADAIR COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Macon County and named for John Adair, governor of Kentucky. County seat: Kirksville, 63501.

Courthouse burned April 12, 1865.



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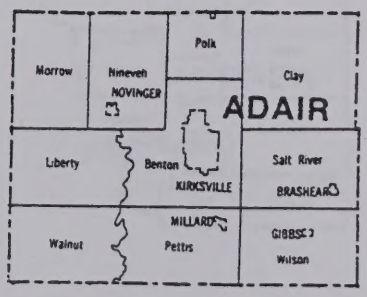


ADAIR COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1841-1984; Deed Records, 1841-1921; Index to Marriage Records, 1841-1918; Marriage Records, 1841-1992; Soldiers Discharges, 1866-1890, 1919-1983.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1893; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1882-1904; County Court Records, 1842-1857; Poll Tax 1897-1906, 1910-1913, 1921-1938.

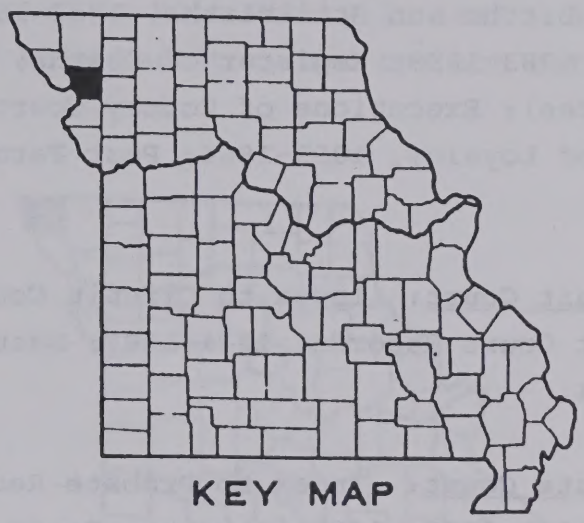
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1841-1904; Circuit Court Records, 1841-1890.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1841-1867; Probate Records, 1841-1889; Inventories, 1877-1886; Guardians/Curators Records, 1885-1887; Will Records, 1873-1916; Wills, Settlements and Letters of Administration, 1857-1908.

Kirksville/City Clerk: Minute, 1866-1885; Ordinances, 1866-1972; Plats, 1911-1970; City Clerk Records, 1956-1989; Budget and Financial Reports, 1986; Building and Remodeling Permits, 1968-1990; Subdivisions, 1979-1985.

ANDREW COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from the Platte purchase and named for Andrew Jackson Davis, a prominent citizen of St. Louis and Savannah. County seat: Savannah, 64485.



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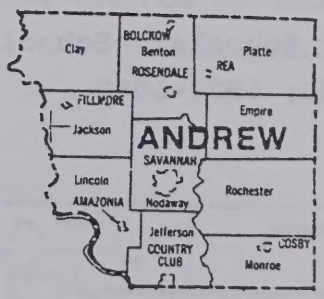


ANDREW COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1841-1889; Deed Records, 1842-1900; Marriage Index, 1841-1915; Marriage Records, 1841-1915.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1893; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1895; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Register of Deaths, 1883-1893; Road Petitions, (no dates); Executions of County Court Proceedings, 1845-1871; Oaths of Loyalty, 1853-1864; Poor Farm Inventory, 1927-1933.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1841-1906; Circuit Court Records, 1841-1887; Naturalization Records, 1869-1904.

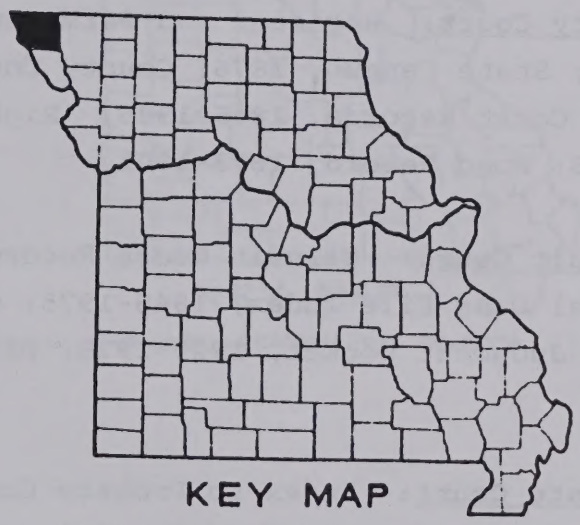
Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1841-1876; Probate Records, 1841-1887; Administrators Bonds, 1841-1854; Letters of Administration, 1841-1902; Settlement Records, 1873-1890; Abstract Index to Probate Files, (no dates); Probate Estate Files, 1840-1925; Will Records, 1841-1918.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Enumeration Records, 1912-1982; School Records, 1920-1957.

ATCHISON COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Holt County and named for David Rice Atchison, United States senator. County seat: Rock Port, 64482.

The boundaries for Allen County were defined by the Legislature in 1843 and attached to Holt County in 1845. Atchison County was organized out of this territory and the act defining Allen County repealed.



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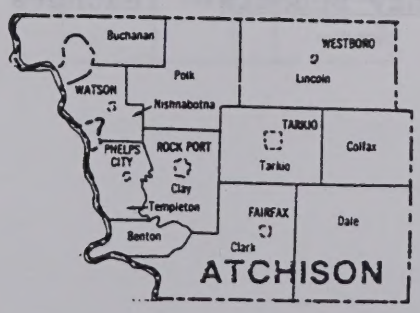


ATCHISON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: General Index to Deeds, 1845-1870; Abstract Index to Deeds, 1870-1975; Deed Records, 1845-1975; Abstract and Index to Mortgages, 1875-1975; Index to Mortgages, 1859-1875; Mortgage Deeds, 1859-1961; Index to Marriage Records, 1845-1937; Marriage Licenses 1975-1989; Marriage Records, 1845-1975; Index to Military Discharge Records, (no dates); Military Discharge Records, 1919-1975; Selective Service, 1941-1952; Power of Attorney, 1983-1989; Tax Liens, 1984-1989.

Clerk of the County Court: Register and Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1890; State Census, 1876; County Court Record Index, 1866-1975; County Court Records, 1845-1985; Right of Way Records, 1876-1948; Road Record, 1873-1901.

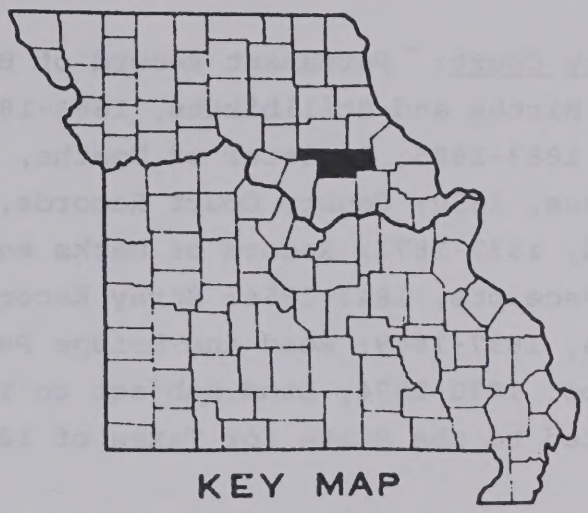
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1845-1976; Criminal Case File Index, 1845-1975; Civil Case File Index, 1845-1975; Judgment Docket, 1929-1975; Divorce Records, 1923-1937.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Court Records, (no dates); Probate Records, 1845-1975; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1891-1975; Settlement Records, 1858-1975; Index to Will Records, 1845-1875; Will Records, 1845-1975.

Superintendent of County Schools: Teachers Records, 1926-1967.

AUDRAIN COUNTY

Organized December 17, 1836, from Callaway, Monroe and Ralls counties and named for James H. Audrain, Missouri legislator. County seat: Mexico, 65265.



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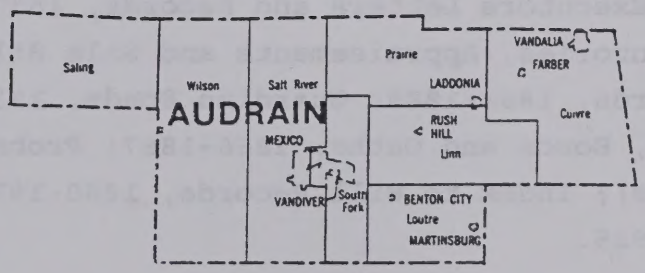


AUDRAIN COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1870-1900; Index to Deeds, 1837-1879; Deed Records, 1837-1891, 1988-1995; Index to Marriage Records, 1837-1975; Marriage Records, 1837-1917; Negro/Colored Marriage Records, 1865-1890; Military Discharge Records, 1865-1870; Soldiers Memorial Association, 1920-1929.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1885; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1886; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1885; Register of Deaths, 1883-1886; State Census, 1856; Census, 1850; County Court Records, 1837-1866; Commissions Issued, 1837-1871; Record of Marks and Brands, 1837-1971; Wolf Scalp Receipts, 1843-1854; Stray Records, 1837-1851; Record of Accounts, 1837-1849; Road and Bridge Petitions, 1837-1902; Township Maps, 1870-1874; Land subject to Taxation, 1838-1858; Land forfeited to the State for Taxes of 1846, 1847.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1837-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Court Records, 1838-1887; Administrators/Executors Letters and Records, 1837-1900; Bonds, 1837-1900; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1875-1919; Settlement Records, 1863-1888; Guardian Bonds, 1837-1920; Letters of Testamentary, Bonds and Oaths, 1866-1897; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Index to Will Records, 1880-1975; Will Records, 1837-1925.

County Assessor: Assessments, 1883-1864; Personal Property Assessments, 1876; Assessment and Taxes, 1862, 1869.

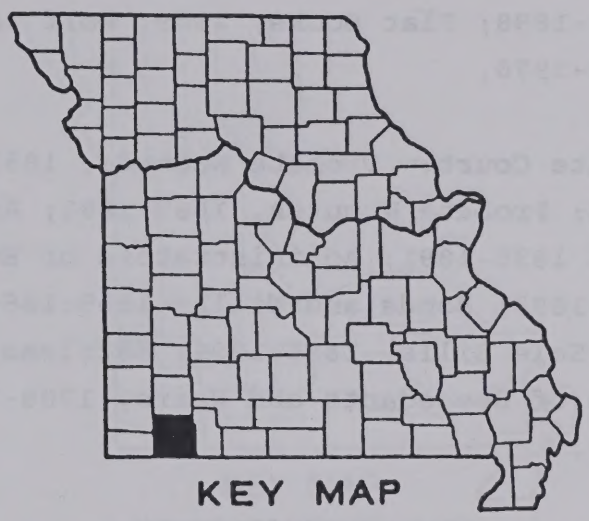
County Superintendent of Schools: Superintendent's Correspondence, 1940-1955; Record of Rural School Districts, 1897-1958; School Enumeration Records, 1954-1982; Certificates Issued, 1877-1889; Teachers Report, 1897-1973; Estimate of

School Expenses, 1873-1874; Exam Reports, 1938-1950; Reading Circle Books, 1944-1946; Records, 1897-1958; General Information Forms/Rural Districts, 1937-1951, 1970-1972.

Martinsburg/City Fire Department: Records, 1985-1993.

BARRY COUNTY

Organized January 5, 1835, from Greene County and named for William T. Barry, U.S. postmaster general. County seat: Cassville, 65625.



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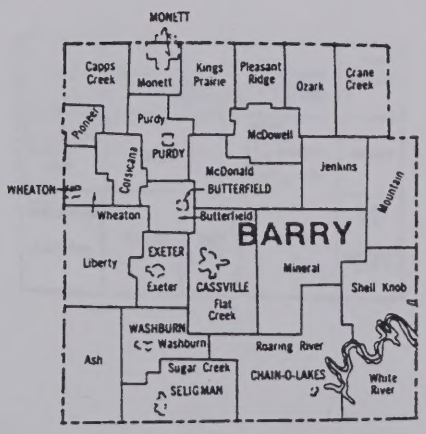


BARRY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1870-1887; Deed Records, 1835-1903; Index to Marriage Records, 1837-1877 and 1902-1919; Marriage Records, 1837-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1885; Register of Deaths, 1883-1885; Birth and Death Certificates, 1884-1888; Plat Books, 1909; Wolf and Bobcat Requisitions, 1969-1970.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records, 1853-1891; Probate Packets, 1842-1872; Probate Minutes, 1867-1881; Administrators/ Executors Letters, 1835-1891; Administrators of Estates,1867-1871; Bonds, 1871-1893; Bonds and Wills, 1865-1869; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1856-1906; Settlement Records, 1865-1893; Records of Descedants and Heirs, 1908-1917; Will Records, 1871-1923.

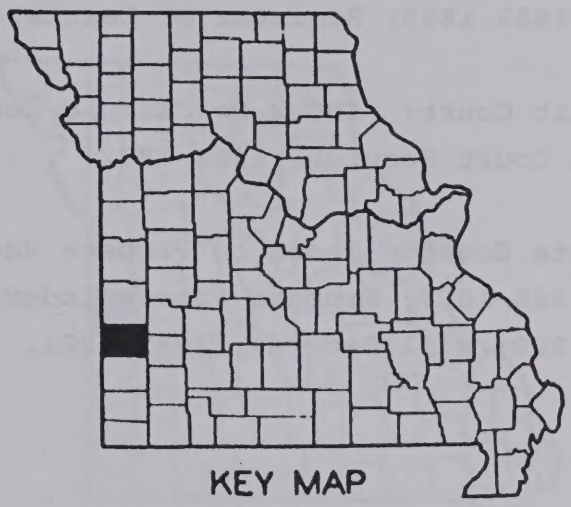
Seligman/City Clerk: Minutes, 1952-1973.

Washburn/City Clerk: Minutes, 1963-1994; Ordinances, 1963-1974.

BARTON COUNTY

Organized December 12, 1855, from Jasper County and named for David Barton, United States senator. County seat: Lamar, 64759.

Courthouse burned November, 1862.



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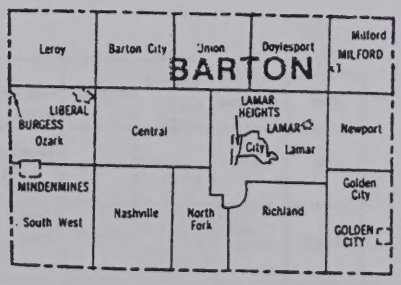

BARTON COUNTY

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Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1894; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1896; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1895; Register of Deaths, 1883-1899.

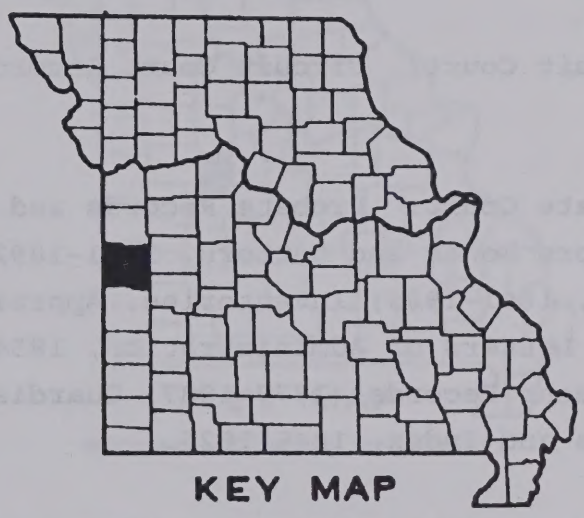
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1866-1929; Circuit Court Records, 1866-1892.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1869-1889; Probate Records, 1866-1887; Probate Papers Index, 1879-1923; Inventories,1866-1900; Will Records, 1867-1921.

BATES COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Van Buren (now Cass) County and named for Frederick Bates, governor of Missouri. County seat: Butler, 64730.

Courthouse burned in 1861.



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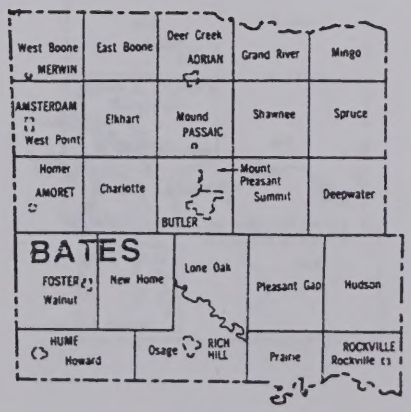

BATES COUNTY

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Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1887; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1907; Register of Deaths, 1883-1893; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1886; Standard Atlas, 1928.

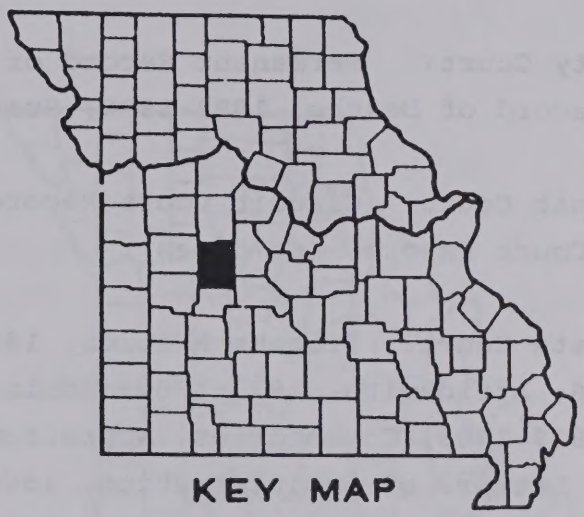
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1858-1885.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1852-1887; Administrators Bonds and Letters, 1871-1892; Executors Bonds and Letters, 1881-1905; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1865-1887; Letters of Administration, 1854-1904; Notices, 1877-1912; Settlement Records, 1877-1887; Guardians Bonds, 1871-1914; Will Records and Index, 1845-1926.

County Superintendent of Schools: District Clerk's Records, 1901-1959.

BENTON COUNTY

Organized January 3, 1835, from Pettis and Greene counties and named for Thomas Hart Benton, United States senator. County seat: Warsaw, 65355.



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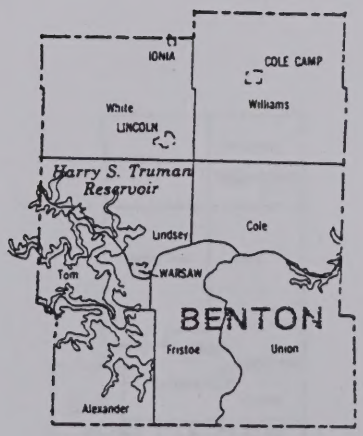

BENTON COUNTY

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Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery Records, 1838-1854.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1890; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1890; State Census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1835-1886; Index to Circuit Court Papers, (no dates).

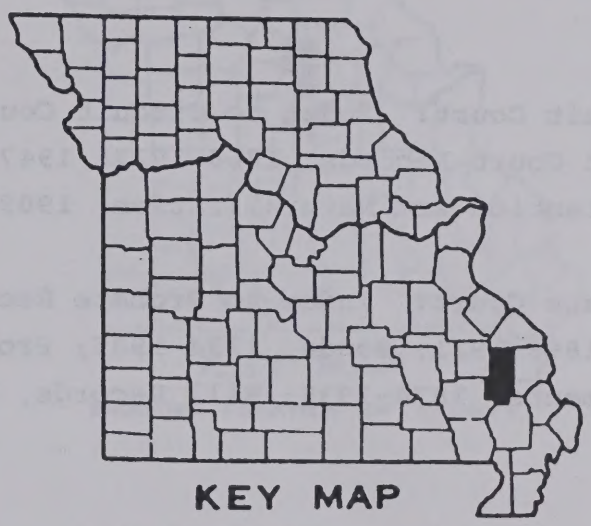
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records, 1867-1894; Probate Minutes, 1838-1846; Affidavits, 1873-1900; Administrator and Guardians Bonds,1839-1908; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1854-1905; Letters of Administration, 1863-1881; Settlement Records, 1871-1896; Will Records, 1839-1915; Index to Estates and Papers, 1839-1870.

County Collector: Personal Tax List, 1868, 1872, 1880, 1889, 1891, 1900.

BOLLINGER COUNTY

Organized March 1, 1851, from Cape Girardeau, Madison, Stoddard and Wayne Counties and named for George F. Bollinger, pioneer settler and Missouri legislator. County seat: Marble Hill, 63764.

Courthouse burned March 2, 1866 and March 12, 1884.



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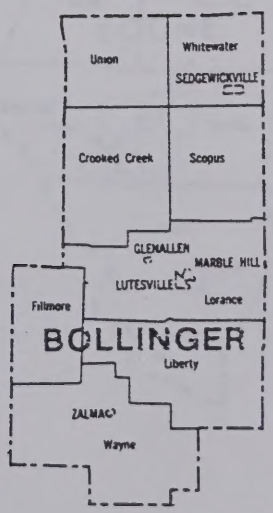


BOLLINGER COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract Index to Deeds, 1852-1902; Deed Records, 1851-1902; Marriages Records and Index, 1865-1957; Marriage Licenses, 1880-1950; Soldiers Discharges Index, 1918-1961; Soldiers Discharges, 1918-1943.

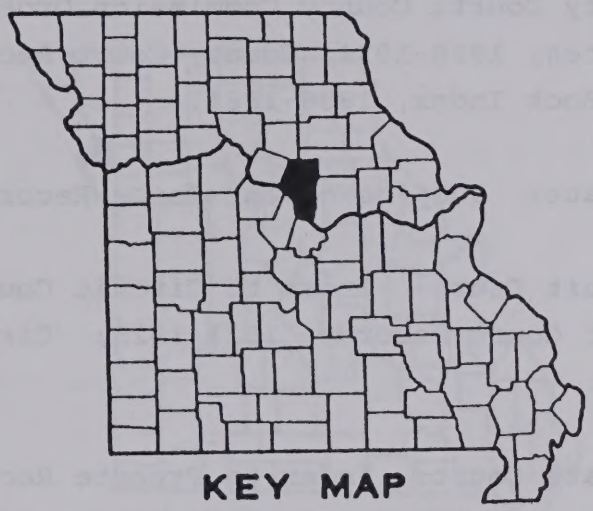
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1891; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1892; Bollinger County Map, (no dates).

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1866-1967; Circuit Court Records, 1866-1937, 1947-1958; Declaration of Intention and Naturalization, 1909-1925.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1866-1916; Probate Records, 1866-1921; Bonds, 1874-1905; Probate Minutes, 1871-1934; Settlements, 1874-1935; Will Records, 1866-1943.

BOONE COUNTY

Organized November 16, 1820, (effective January 1, 1821) from Howard County and named for Daniel Boone. County seat: Columbia, 65201.



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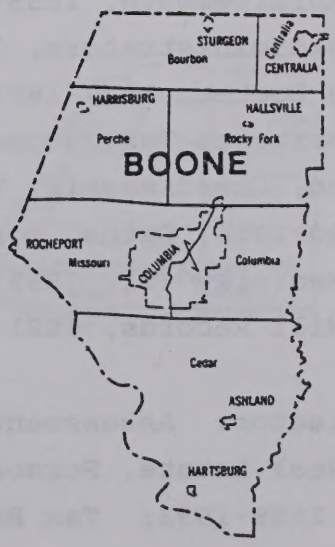


BOONE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1821-1890; Deed records, 1821-1886; Marriage Records and Index, 1821-1919; Negro Marriages, 1865-1882; Marriage Licenses, 1940-1960.

Clerk of the County Court: County Commission Orders, 1973-1994; County Court Minutes, 1960-1994; County Court Records and Index, 1821-1970; Order Book Index, 1836-1863.

Justice of the Peace: Justice of the Peace Records, 1839-1915.

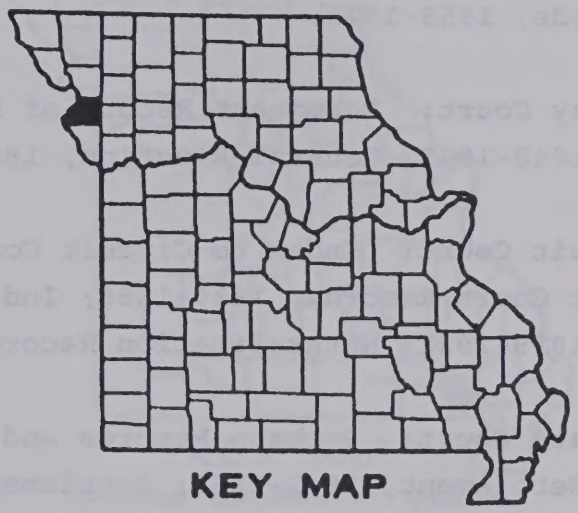
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1859-1935; Circuit Court Records, 1821-1925; Circuit Court Case Files, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1821-1915; Probate Records, 1872-1972; Index to Probate Estate Files, 1821-; Probate Estate Files, 1821-: Index to Administrators, Executors, Guardians and Curators, 1958-1986; Administrators Bonds and Applications, 1875-1955; Notices, 1861-1873, 1919-1949, 1980-1982; Inventories and Apraisements, 1855-1966; Blind Pensioners, 1934; Bonds/Administrators, Guardians and Curators, 1869-1969; Guardianship Docket, 1977-1981; Indigent Insane Case Index, (no dates); Inheritance Tax Judgments, 1968-1977; Letters of Administration, Guardianship, Testamentary, 1869-1969; Minors Inventories, 1920-1956; Oaths, Bonds and Appointments, 1895-1955; Records of Mentally Ill, 1955-1969; Settlements, 1875-1920, 1932-1955; Will Records, 1821-1968.

County Assessor and Collector: Assessments/Land and Personal, 1879-1985; Taxes/Land, Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes, 1875-1993; Back Taxes, 1885-1993; Tax Book, 1889-1902.

BUCHANAN COUNTY

Organized December 31, 1838, from the Platte Purchase and named for James Buchanan, senator from Pennsylvania and later U.S. President. County seat: St. Joseph, 64501.



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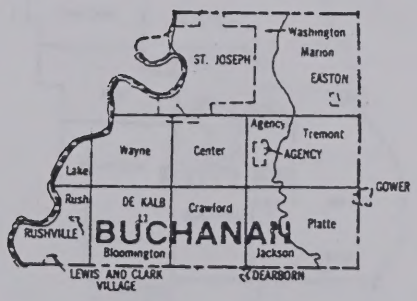


BUCHANAN COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1839-1890; Deed Records, 1839-1886; Index to Marriage Records, 1839-1927; Marriage Records, 1839-1916.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Court of Common Pleas Records, 1853-1873.

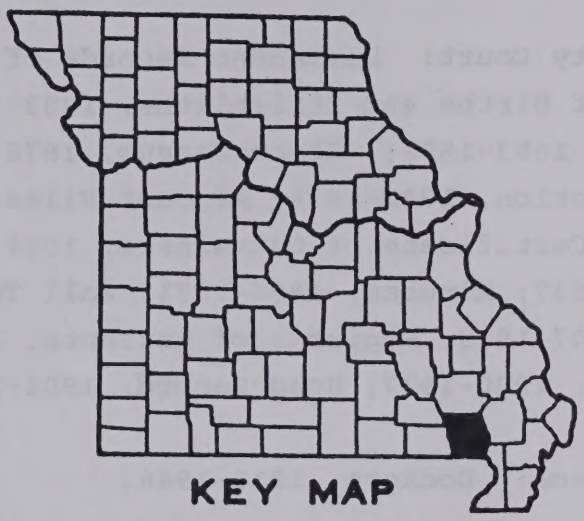
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Tax Books, 1840-1842; General Election, 1882-1884.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1869-1907; Circuit Court Records, 1839-1886; Index to Naturalizations, 1839-1921; Naturalization Records, 1867-1906.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1839-1886; Journal of Settlement, 1862-1869; Settlement Records, 1869-1881; Index to Will Records, 1842-1921; Wills, 1888-1921; Wills and Bonds, 1839-1913.

BUTLER COUNTY

Organized February 27, 1849, from Wayne County and named for William O. Butler, a Kentucky congressman. County seat: Poplar Bluff, 63901.



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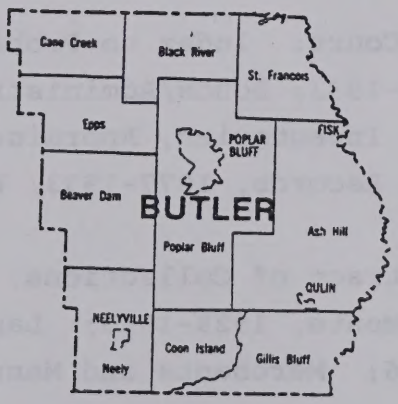


BUTLER COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1849-1902; Deed Records, 1850-1903; Index to Marriage Records, 149-1954; Marriage Records, 1878-1953; Index to Marriage Applications, 1883-1995; Marriage Applications, 1883-1953.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Records of Births, 1883-1893; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1893; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; State Census, 1876; Account Book/Road Construction, 1932-1938; Account Files, 1934; Cash Book, 1909-1926; Certificate of Canvassers, 1954-1956; Drainage Districts, 1930-1937; Minutes, 1866-1871; Poll Tax, 1909; Record of Signatures, 1907-1913; Register of Warrants, 1901-1933; Road District Accounts, 1900-1937; Road Record, 1901-1925.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1911-1946.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1869-1902; Circuit Court Records, 1849-1951; Naturalizations, 1887-1942.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1849-1933; Probate Records, 1849-1933; Bonds/Administrators, Guardians and Executors, 1869-1902; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1865-1951; Settlement Records, 1877-1933; Will Records, 1869-1922

County Assessor: Abstract of Collections, 1896-1899, 1911; Delinquent Tax Assessments, 1928-1933; Land and Personal Assessments, 1900-1966; Merchants and Manufacturers, 1905-1917, 1920-1925, 1952.

County Collector: Accounts, 1899-1933; Personal Taxes, 1900-1965.

County Superintendent of Schools: Scholarship Fund, 1901; School

District Accounts, 1902-1955; School Fund Accounts, 1887, 1916-1931, 1938-1949; Township Trustees School Act, 1914-1915.

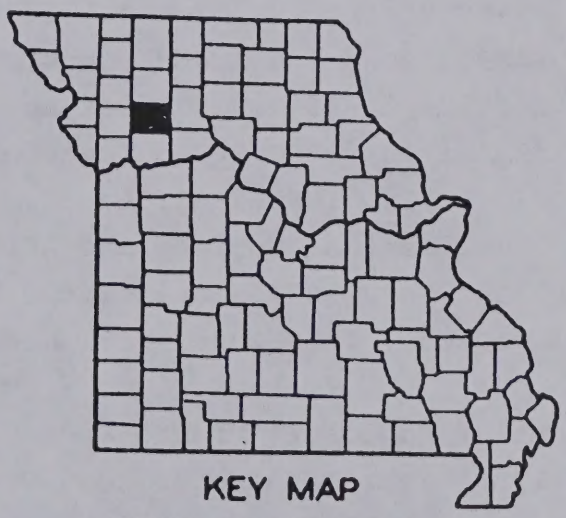
County Treasurer: Accounts, 1900-1959; Criminal Cost Record, 1903-1915; School Book Range, (no dates); School Book Range Capital Fund, 1924-1963.

CALDWELL COUNTY

Organized December 29, 1836, from Ray County and named for John Caldwell, Indian scout. County seat: Kingston, 64650

Alexander W. Doniphan is credited with naming Caldwell County in honor of an Indian fighter whom his father, Joseph Doniphan, had known in Kentucky. According to Floyd C. Shoemaker, Doniphan probably referred to Colonel John Caldwell, the famous soldier for whom Caldwell County, Kentucky was named. Mathew Caldwell has also been cited as the man for whom the Missouri County was named.

Courthouse burned on April 19, 1860 and again on November 28, 1896.



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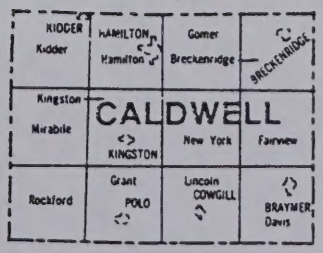


CALDWELL COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1860-1887; Deed Records, 1860-1892; Abstract Index to Mortgages, 1876-1885; Mortgage Deeds, 1860-1887; Marriage Records, 1860-1922; Applications for Marriage License, 1895-1965; Negro/Colored Marriages, 1865-1871; Original Land Entries, 1823-1857; Government Survey Records, 1818-1823.

Clerk of the County Court: Record of Births, 1867-1868.

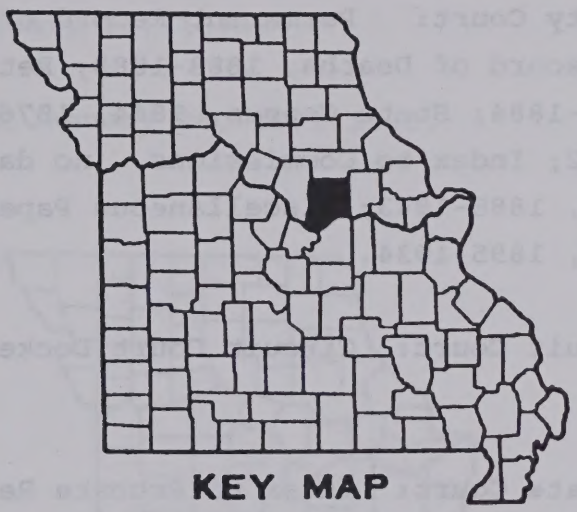
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1859-1889; Circuit Court Records, 1860-1886; Circuit Court Case Files, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1857-1896; Probate Records, 1856-1887; Probate Minutes, 1878-1882; Appraisements, 1865-1893; Bond Index and Bonds, 1856-1880; Guardians/Curators Records, 1885-1892; Index to Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1860-1886; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1860-1893; Letters of Testamentary, 1860-1888; Proof of Publication, Notices and Affidavits, 1866-1889; Record of Estates, 1882-1887; Settlements Records, 1870-1890; Index to Will Records, 1860-1905; Will Records, 1860-1929.

County Superintendent of Schools: Minute Book, 1872-1900; School Enumerations, 1949-1982; School Enumerations (Bethany School), 1899-1932; School Register, 1846-1915; Teacher Reports, 1939-1942.

CALLAWAY COUNTY

Organized November 25, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Boone, Howard and Montgomery counties and named for James Callaway, Missouri ranger killed by Indians in the War of 1812. County seat: Fulton, 65251.



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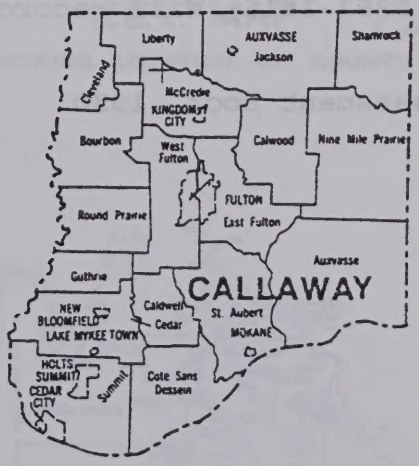

CALLAWAY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1821-1900; Deed Records, 1821-1929; Land Plats, 1833-1937; Index to Marriage Records, 1821-1941; Marriage Records, 1821-1917; Negro/Colored Marriage Records, 1865-1969; Patent Book, 1896-1966; Military Discharge Records, 1919-1969.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1888; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1888; Return of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1884; State Census, 1844, 1876; County Court records, 1821-1832; Index to Commissions, (no dates); County Poor Farm Records, 1885-1943; Miscellaneous Papers and Index, 1823-1909; Strays, 1895-1934.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Docket Book, 1821-1847.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1800-1900; Probate Records, 1821-1886; Probate Estate Files, no dates; Administrators/Executors Letters, 1865-1918; Inventories and Appraisements, 1873-1917; Index to Probate Estate Files (Minors and Insane), 1821-1899, 1908-1938; Minors and Insane, 1821-1938; Settlements Records, 1863-1916; Will records, 1821-1919.

County Assessor: Assessment Book, 1930.

CAMDEN COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Benton, Morgan and Pulaski counties and named for Charles Pratt, Earl of Camden. County seat: Camdenton, 65020.

Originally organized in 1841 as Kinderhook County in honor of President Martin Van Buren's New York home. The name was changed to Camden on February 23, 1843.

Courthouse burned January 28, 1902 1902.

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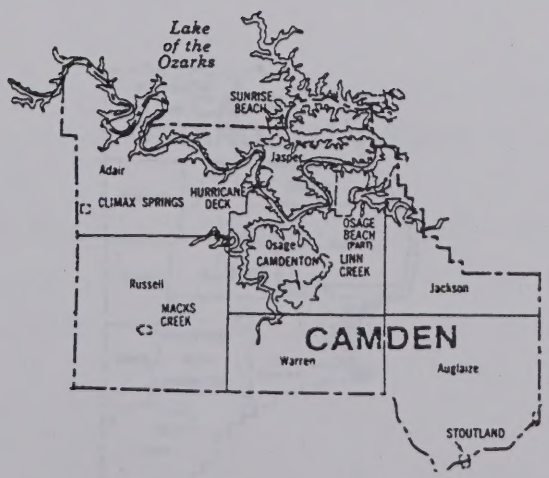


CAMDEN COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1849-1910; Deed Records, 1849-1911; Index to Marriages, 1902-1916; Marriage Licenses, 1902-1943.

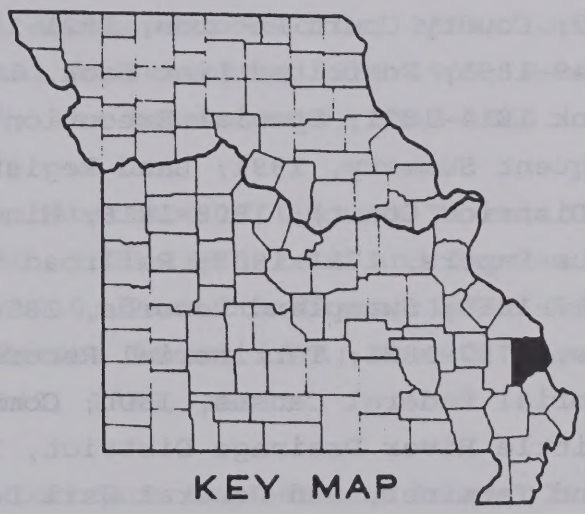
Clerk of the Probate Court: Will Records, 1902-1933.

CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY

Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties and named for Sieur de Girardot, a French officer. County seat: Jackson, 63755.

Sieur de Girardot is generally accepted as the man for whom the river bend above the original settlement of Cape Girardeau was named. Louis Houck in his *History of Missouri* states that the origin cannot now definitely be known. De Girardot was stationed with the French troops at Kaskaskia as early as 1704 and may have moved across the river to the bend above present Cape Girardeau.

Courthouse burned in July, 1870.



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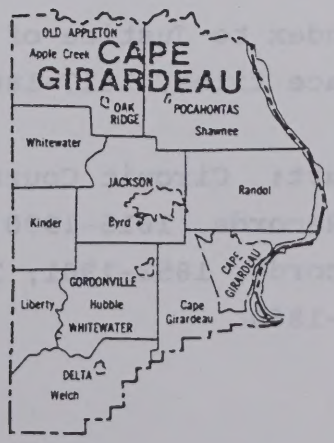

CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY

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Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Commons Pleas Index, 1851-1959; Common Pleas, 1808-1812, 1851-1951; Common Pleas docket, 1810-1811; Territorial Records Index, 1805-1860; Territorial Records, 1805-1826.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1890-1893; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1890; Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; State Census, 1868 and 1876; County Tax Records, 1828-1867; County Court Records, 1821-1854; County Court Minutes, 1826, 1849-1851; Forfeited List Book, 1872; Field Notes 1817-1839; Fee Book 1814-1821; Special Execution Records, 1872-1875; Lands Delinquent Summary, 1891; Land Register, 1867; Memorandum Book (District Court), 1808-1816; Minute Book, 1808-1810; Miscellaneous Papers, 1798-1808; Railroad Tax Records, 1883; Records, 1817-1860; Swampland Records, 1858-1865; Territorial Papers, 1797-1821; Territorial Record and Index, 1798-1821; Territorial Federal Census, 1800; Commissioned Officers, 1815; Little River Drainage District, 1935-1942; Minutes of Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail Delivery, 1808; Miscellaneous records, 1806-1840; Special Execution Records, 1872-1875.

Justice of the Peace: Index to Justice of the Peace files, 1821-1860; Justice of the Peace files, 1817-1860.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Proceedings, 1838; Index to Circuit Court Records, 1815-1900; Circuit Court Records, 1815-1922; Swampland Records, 1853-1901; Territorial Court Records and Index, 1805-1860.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Demands, 1952-1978; Administration Bonds, (no dates); Administrator Notices, 1865-1938; Bonds Index, (no dates); Bonds, 1805-1980; Probate Records Index, 1812-1978; Probate Records, 1821-1979; Descendants and Guardianship, (no dates); Guardianship Files, 1805-1980; Guardians/Curators Records, 1865-1967; Inventories and Appraisements,1872-1904; Letters of Administration, 1881-1969; Letters of Guardianship, 1929-1955; Minors and Imbeciles Index, 1820-1885; Probate Estate Files, 1805-1980; Probate Estate Files Index (printed), 1805-1980; Probate Register, 1956-1973; Probate Register (1-3290), (no dates); Publication Records, 1907-1975; Sale Bills, 1885-1914; Settlement Index, 1820-1885; Settlement Records, 1878-1902; Will Records, 1805-1980.

County Assessor: Assessment Records, 1864; Land Assessments, 1873-1909; Personal Assessments, 1868-1909; Real Estate Assessments, 1875; Tax Assessments, 1862-1864.

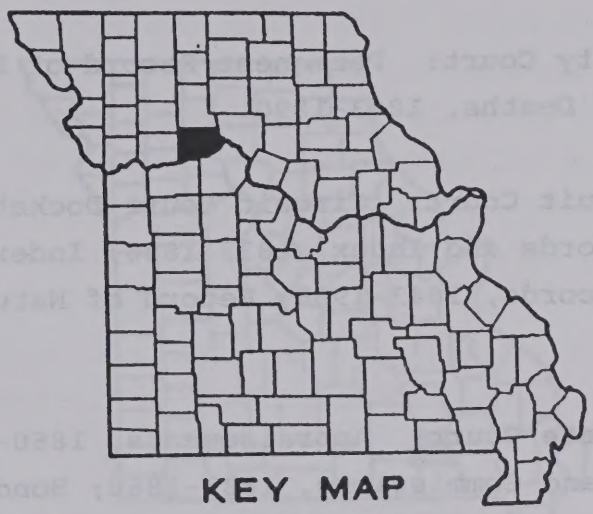
County Collector: Abstract of Current Taxes, 1908-1909; Abstract of Taxes Collected, 1877-1880; Land and Personal Taxes, 1867; Land Taxes, 1865-1910; Past Due Taxes, 1875; Personal Taxes, 1868-1909; Real Estate Taxes, 1874; School Taxes, 1867-1910; Tax Records, 1837, 1840, 1845, 1865.

County Coroner: Coroners Inquest and Index, 1842-1939.

County Surveyor: Survey Records, 1836-1869.

CARROLL COUNTY

Organized January 2, 1833, from Ray County and named for Charles Carroll of Carrollton. County seat: Carrollton, 64633.



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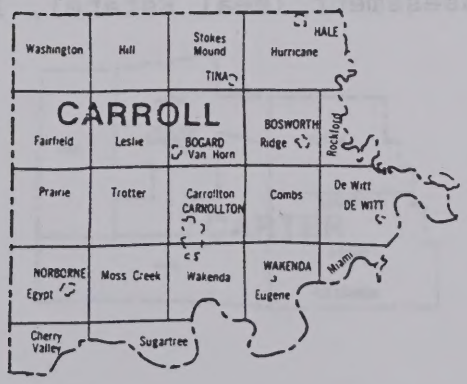


CARROLL COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract Index to Deeds, 1833-1887; Deed Records, 1833-1887; Index to Marriage Records, 1833-1885; Marriage Records, 1833-1920; Register of Marriage Licenses, 1907-1938; Negro/Colored Marriage Records, 1865-1881.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1895; Register of Deaths, 1883-1890.

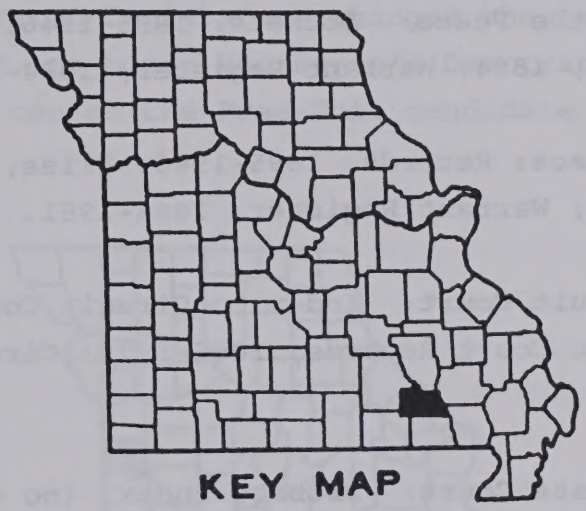
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Docket, 1866-1869; Circuit Court Records and Index, 1833-1886; Index to Naturalization Records, 1843-1900; Record of Naturalizations, 1881-1907.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Appraisements, 1860-1890; Bonds, 1874-1899; Bonds and Commissions, 1833-1860; Bonds and Letters, 1849-1876; Inventories, 1860-1886; Probate Records 1834-1887; Sale Bills, 1848-1880; Settlement Records, 1854-1886; Will Records, 1876-1917; Wills, Bonds and Letters, 1857-1868.

County Assessor: Assessment (Real Estate), 1872-1873.

CARTER COUNTY

Organized March 10, 1859, from Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley and Shannon counties; named for Zimri A. Carter, pioneer settler. County seat: Van Buren, 63965.



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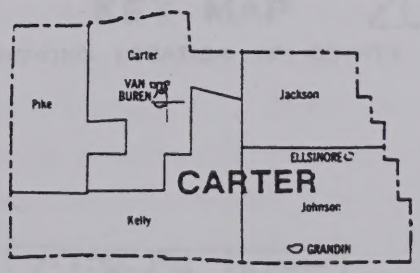

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Clerk of the County Court: County Court Minutes, 1875-1977; County Court Record Index, 1886-1940; County Court Records, 1859-1993; Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1895-1946; Files, 1927-1946; Transcripts, 1884; Warrant Register, 1884-1951.

Justice of the Peace: Records, 1895-1946; Files, 1927-1946; Transcripts, 1884; Warrant Register, 1884-1951.

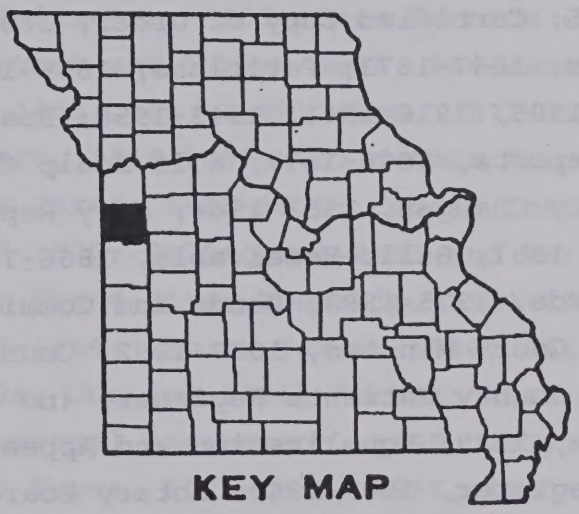
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1866-1919; Circuit Court Records, 1866-1976; Circuit Court Case Files, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Index, (no dates); Probate Records, 1859-1922; Inventories, 1879-1888; Settlements, 1883-1891; Guardians/Curators Bond Records, 1861-1891; Will Records, 1879-1888, 1900-1963.

CASS COUNTY

Organized March 3, 1835, from Jackson County and named for Lewis Cass, Michigan senator and presidential candidate. County seat: Harrisonville, 64701.

Originally organized as Van Buren County in honor of Martin Van Buren, the Democratic legislature changed the name to Cass on February 19, 1849, to honor Van Buren's Democratic opponent Lewis Cass. Van Buren ran as the Free-Soil candidate for president in 1848.



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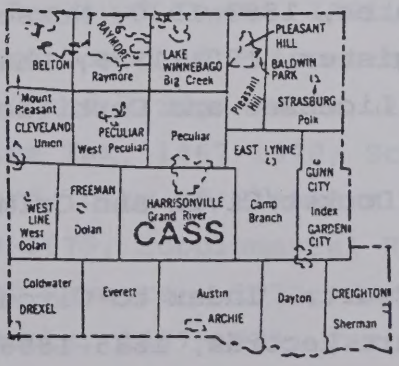


CASS COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1837-1886; Deed Records, 1837-1903; Marriage Records and Index, 1836-1918; Biography and Service Records, 1916-1918.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Common Pleas Index, 1867-1878.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1899; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1886; Register of Deaths, 1883-1898; State Census, 1876; Federal Census, 1880; Audit Report, 1935; Certified Copy of Order, 1882-1885; Indenture of Apprenticeships, 1867-1873; Petitions, 1865-1895; Right of Ways, 1868-1872, 1905, 1916-1941, 1943-1958; Road Petitions, 1838-1883; Road Reports, 1868-1877; Wolf Scalp Certificates, 1885-1896; Boundary Changes, 1953-1964; Jury Reports, 1860-1889; Jury Transcripts, 1957; Bills—Receivable, 1866-1894; Board of Equalization Records, 1975-1993; Bonds and Commissions Records, 1846-1951; County Court Minutes, 1830-1992; County Court Records Index, 1879-1912; County Patients Register, (no dates); County Property Insurance, 1929; Equalization and Appeals Records, 1889-1944; Farm Name Register, 1907-1969; Notary Board Commission, 1972-1977; Plat Records, 1885-1889, 1895; Poor Farm Register, 1902-1941, 1972-1977; Railroad and County Bond Fund, (no dates); Stray Fund, 1846-1926; Township Meeting Minutes, 1870-1922; Warrant Register, 1900-1951; Dental Examiners Certificates, 1897-1957; Health Certificates, 1883-1930; Nurses Register, 1883-1931; Osteopath Diplomas Register, 1901-1979; Pharmacists Register, 1911-1987; Physicians Licenses and Certificates, 1881-1987.

Justice of the Peace: Docket/Civil and Criminal, 1842-1946.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1842-1888; Circuit Court Records, 1835-1886; Order Book, 1869-1950; Transcript Records, 1874-1978; Witness Affidavits and

Records, 1868-1901; Mechanics Liens, 1851-1983.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1839-1956; Probate Records, 1836-1887; Administrators Letters, 1838-1845; Administrators and Executors Books, 1860-1871; Index of Administrators and Executors Letters, 1835-1947; Administrators and Executors Letters, 1835-1882; Administrators Notices, 1867-1881; Bond Index, 1836-1950; Bonds, 1836-1901; Index to Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1861-1916; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1861-1887; Index to Will Records, 1830-1861; Will Records, 1844-1918.

County Assessor/Collector: Allowance Records of County Court, 1941-1947; Assessment and Taxes, 1960; Assessments, 1866; Assessor's Book, 1851-1859; Back Taxes, 1872-1917; Board of Equalization Record, 1944-1975; Collectors Accounts, 1878-1955; Consolidated Back Taxes, 1890-1933; County Court Petitions and Commissions, 1929-1930; Delinquent Real and Personal Property Taxes, 1860-1907; Grand River Township, 1924-1939; Income Assessments, 1944-1946; Income Taxes, 1946; Jail Records, 1920; Journal, 1953-1974; Justice Civil Docket, 1910; Justice Docket, 1910; Land and Personal Assessment, 1850, 1877, 1919, 1938-1959; Land and Personal Taxes, 1871-1887, 1896, 1960-1971, 1972, 1975; Land Back Taxes, 1933-1966; Land Delinquent Tax List, 1957-1964; Ledger Book, 1865; Merchants Taxes, 1880-1899, 1907-1916, 1938-1959; Personal delinquent Taxes, 1881-1950; Railroad Assessments, 1906-1910; Railroad Back Taxes, 1878, 1932; Railroad Taxes, 1881-1959; Real Estate and Personal Taxes, 1891, 1975; Real Estate Taxes, 1960-1971; Record Board of Prisoners, 1897-1899; Register of Warrants, 1963; Road and Bridge Funds, 1978-1990; S and E Ledger, 1937-1953; Sales Tax, 1867-1870; School Taxes, 1870-1880; School Commission Record (City of Pleasant Hill), 1896; Special Execution Record, 1869-1875; Supplemental Real Estate Taxes and Personal Taxes (City of Raymore), 1970; Supplemental Taxes, 1878; Tax Bills, 1875; Tax Books, 1867-1871; Tax Judgments, 1868-1875; Tax Sales (Certificate of Purchase), 1942-1966; Taxes, 1866,

1869; Taxes (City of Harrisonville), 1897; Tax Receipts, 1876; Warrant Dates, 1989; Warrant Register (Cass City), 1884-1891; Warrant Registers (City of Pleasant Hill), 1896; Warrant Register, 1891, 1977-1989.

County Coroner: Coroners Inquest, 1872-1956; Coroners Reports, 1948-1991.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Census Cards, 1957-1970; School Enumerations, 1892-1978; Teacher Term Reports, 1937-1946; Annex of School, 1965-1968; School Laws, 1900; School District Plat, 1881; School Census for Handicapped, 1961-1971; School Maps, 1889-1898, 1948; School Records/Miscellaneous, 1920-1923; Teachers Records, 1927-1971.

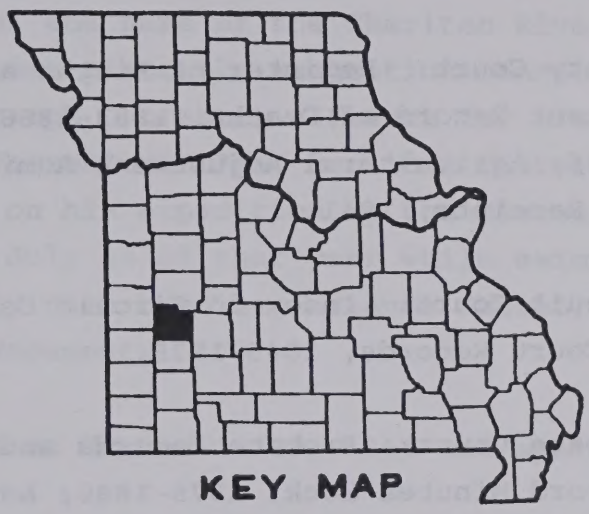
Public School District: County School Text Book Commission, 1907-1965.

Water District #10: Miscellaneous Records, 1983-1992.

Peculiar/City Clerk: City Clerk Records, 1822-1995.

CEDAR COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Dade and St. Clair counties and named for its abundance of cedar trees. County seat: Stockton, 65785.



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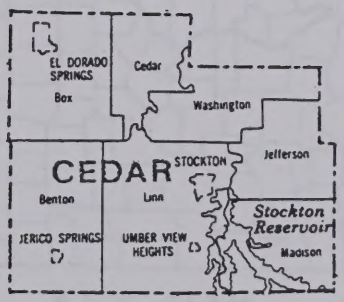

CEDAR COUNTY

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Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1886; Federal Relief Records, 1934-1936; Agricultural Adjustment Administration Applications and Receipts, 1941.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1845-1928.

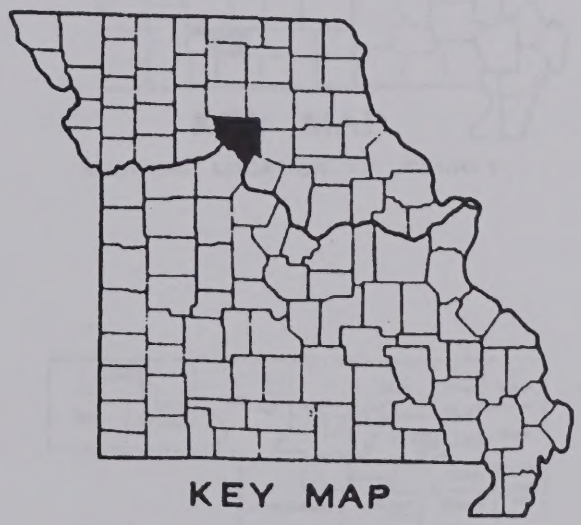
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1845-1891; Probate Record Minutes Book, 1875-1880; Administrator and Executor Bonds, 1846-1902; Administrators Notices, 1874-1911; Appraisements, 1872-1899; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills,1850-1891; Letters of Administration, 1846-1911; Will Records, 1846-1919.

CHARITON COUNTY

Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Howard County and named for the Chariton River. County seat: Keytesville, 65261.

Several origins of the name of the Chariton River have been suggested. The most plausible suggestion connects the name of the river with Joseph Chorette, a French fur trader of St. Louis. Trudeau, in his *Journal* of 1795, mentions Chorette as accompanying him on his expedition up the Missouri River and as being drowned on July 10 of that year while swimming in the river. The family name has the variants Choret, Caret and Carrette in old documents.

Courthouse burned on September 20, 1864 and again on August 27, 1973.



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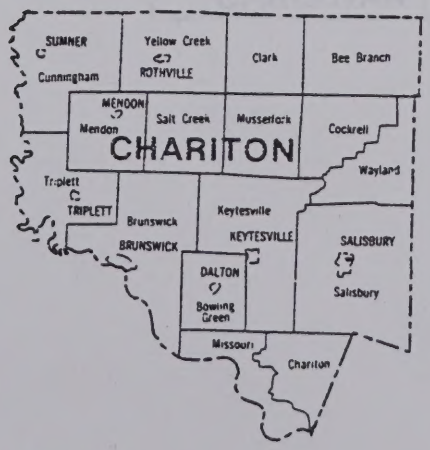


CHARITON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1827-1887; Deed Records, 1826-1886; Marriage Records, 1821-1898.

Clerk of County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1886; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1887; Permanent Record of Deeds, 1883-1886; Register of Deaths, 1883-1887.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1820-1886.

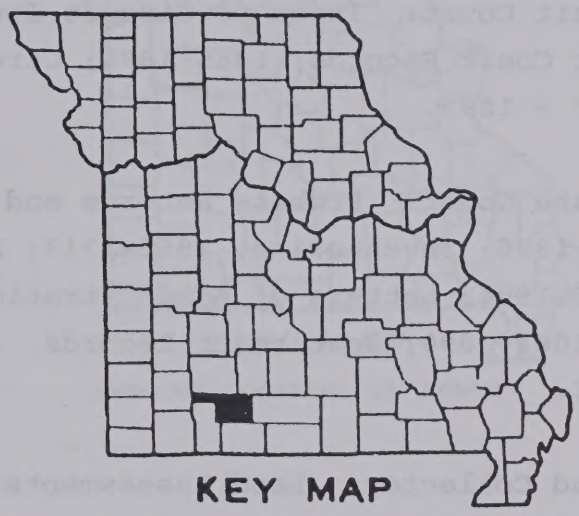
Clerk of Probate Court: Probate Records Index, 1861-1896; Probate Records, 1861-1887; Will Records and Index, 1861-1916.

Keytesville/Public School District: Board of Education Minutes, 1979-1990.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Organized March 8, 1859, from Greene, Taney and Webster counties and named for William Christian, Kentucky Revolutionary War soldier. County seat: Ozark, 65721.

Courthouse burned on August 20, 1865.



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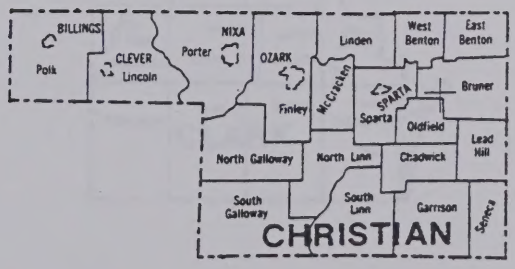


CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1865-1890; Deed Records, 1861-1893; Index to Marriage Records, 1886-1923; Marriage Records, 1866-1917.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1887; Record of Births, 1840-1904; State Census, 1876.

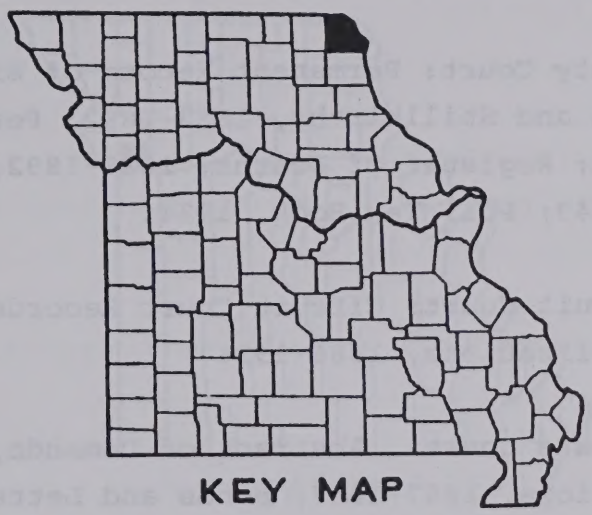
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1883-1891; Circuit Court Records, 1865-1891; Circuit Court Case Files and Index, ? - 1899.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1870-1891; Bonds, 1866-1896; Inventories, 1865-1913; Letters and Applications, 1875-1904; Letters of Administration, 1866-1875; Probate Minutes, 1881-1890; Settlement Records, 1866-1899; Will Records, 1864-1925.

County Assessor and Collector: Land Assessments, 1868-1885; Personal Property Tax, 1870-1900.

CLARK COUNTY

Organized December 16, 1836, from Lewis County and named for William Clark, governor of the Missouri Territory. County seat: Kahoka, 63445.



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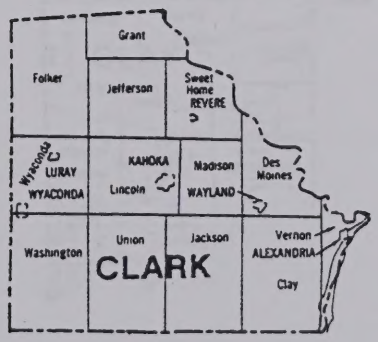


CLARK COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1833-1886; Deed Records, 1833-1891; Index to Mortgages, 1860-1886; Mortgage Deeds, 1860-1894; Marriage Records and Index, 1836-1920; Military Discharge Records, 1864-1920; Service Records, 1917-1921.

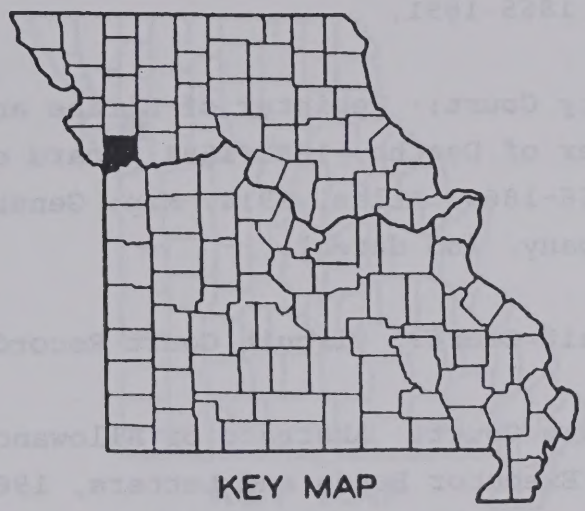
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1892; Register of Birth and Stillbirths, 1883-1892; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1892; Register of Deaths, 1883-1892; Farm Name Register, 1912-1949; Poll Tax Book, 1934.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1837-1886; Naturalizations, 1884-1924.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Demands, 1852-1884; Administrator Notices, 1867-1877; Bonds and Letters, 1884-1921; Inventories and Sale Bills, 1847-1887; Perpetual Docket, 1869-1928; Probate Records, 1838-1886; Settlements, 1838-1891; Wills, Bonds and Letters, 1836-1918.

CLAY COUNTY

Organized January 2, 1822, from Ray County and named for Henry Clay, Kentucky congressman. County seat: Liberty, 64068.



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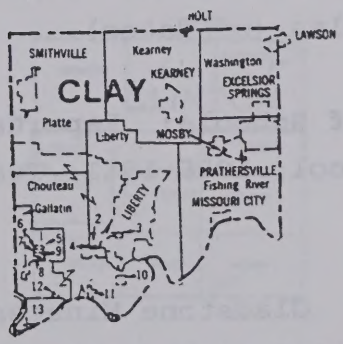

CLAY COUNTY

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Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1884; Register of Deaths, 1883-1884; Board of Loyalty Oath Questionnaire, 1866-1868; Atlas, 1914; Map: General Realty Mineral Water Company, (no dates).

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1822-1878.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Allowances, 1945-1962; Administrator and Executor Bonds and Letters, 1963-1969; Administrator Bonds and Letters, 1951-1962; Guardian Bonds and Letters, 1963-1969; Guardian Letters, 1950-1964; Inventory Records, 1942-1969; Minute Books, 1961-1970; Notices, 1939-1969; Settlements, 1955-1969; Settlements: Guardian and Curator, 1860-1863; Probate Estate Files (no dates).

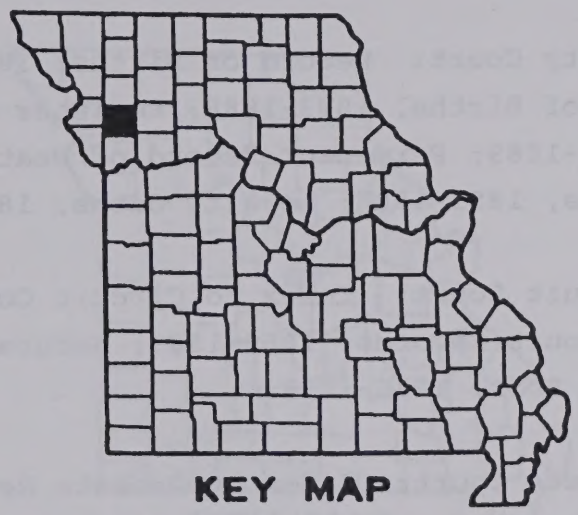
County Superintendent of Schools: Reports of the Superintendent, 1915-1973; Garrison School, 1905-1961; Teacher Term Reports, 1915-1973.

Gladstone/City Council: Gladstone Minutes, 1952-1957, 1964-1965, 1969, 1972-1973, 1976, 1980-1982, 1986; Gladstone Resolutions,1965-1986; Gladstone Water Department Ledgers and Journals, 1960-1980.

Missouri City/City Clerk: Deeds, 1869; Corporation Amendment, 1871; Minutes, 1859-1987; Ordinances, 1859-1893.

CLINTON COUNTY

Organized January 2, 1833, from Clay County and named for DeWitt Clinton, governor of New York. County seat: Plattsburg, 64477.



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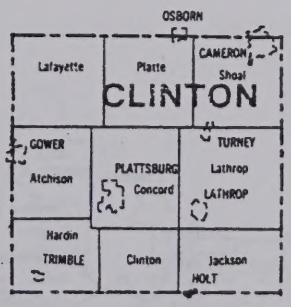

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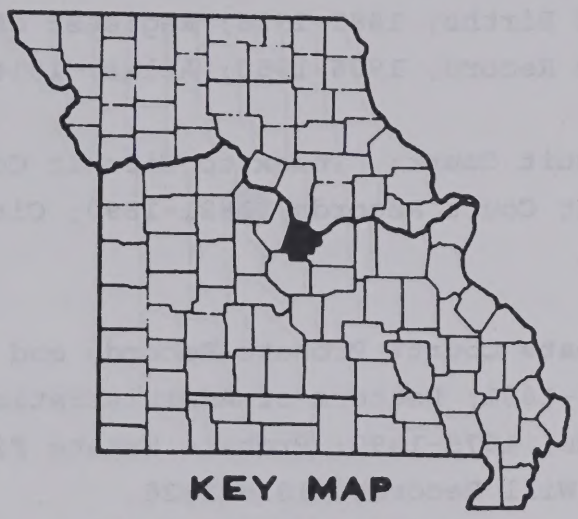
Clerk of the County Court: Record of Births, 1863-1879; Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1888; Register of Deaths and Stillbirths, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1888; Register of Deaths, 1883-1888; Loyalty Oaths, 1861-1870.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1859-1887; Naturalization Records, 1885-1912; Minute Book, 1836-1853.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1834-1905; Probate Records, 1839-1887; Settlement Records, 1873-1887; Will Records, 1833-1921.

COLE COUNTY

Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Cooper County and named for Stephen Cole, pioneer settler and Indian fighter. County seat: Jefferson City, 65101.



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Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1906; Register of Births, 1883-1906; Register of Deaths, 1883-1906; Home Inmate Record, 1906-1950; Atlas, 1914.

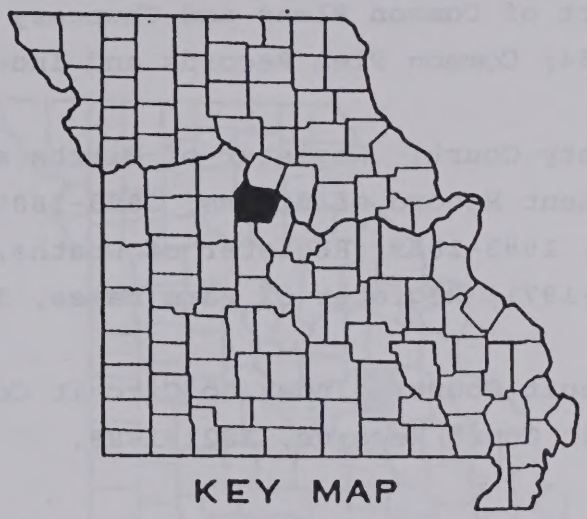
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1821-1930; Circuit Court Records, 1821-1890; Circuit Court Case Files, 1826-1926.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1834-1889; Inventories, 1854-1891; Letters of Administration, 1857-1887; Settlement Records, 1875-1890; Probate Estate Files and Index,1830-1988; Will Records, 1855-1926.

Jefferson City: City Census, 1873; Justice of the Peace Records, 1894-1898; Record of Births, 1901-1909; City Council, 1838-1958; City Public Safety, 1873-1895; City Treasurer, 1867-1910.

COOPER COUNTY

Organized December 17, 1818 (effective February 1, 1819) from Howard County and named for Sarshel (Benjamin) Cooper, pioneer settler. County seat: Boonville, 65233.



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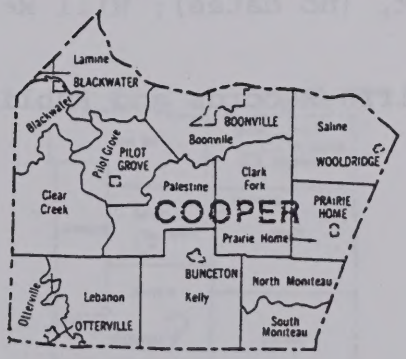

COOPER COUNTY

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Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery Records, 1836-1854; Common Plea Records and Index, 1856-1859.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1894; Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1889; Register of Deaths, 1883-1894; Marks and Brands, 1858-1971; Register of Farm Names, 1907-1984.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1821-1894; Circuit Court Records, 1821-1888.

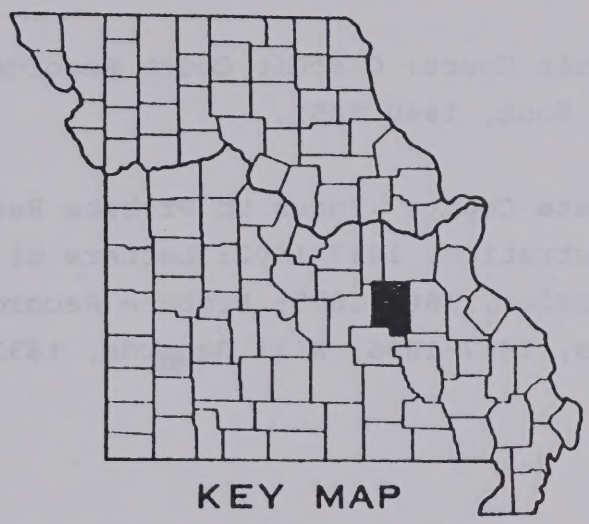
Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1849-1900; Probate Records, 1847-1887; Index to Probate Minutes, 1861-1866; Probate Minutes, 1860-1903; Bonds, 1819-1890; Inventories, 1847-1887; Letters, 1845-1891; Settlement Records, 1880-1886; Probate Estate Files and Index, (no dates); Will Records, 1818-1918.

County Sheriff: Sheriffs Records and Public Administrator, 1850-1873.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Organized January 23, 1829, from Gasconade County and named for William H. Crawford, Georgia senator. County seat: Steelville, 65565.

Courthouse burned February 15, 1873 and again on January 5, 1884.



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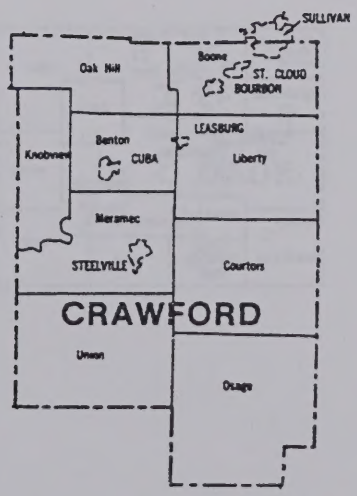

CRAWFORD COUNTY

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Clerk of the County Court: County Court Minutes, 1838-1845.

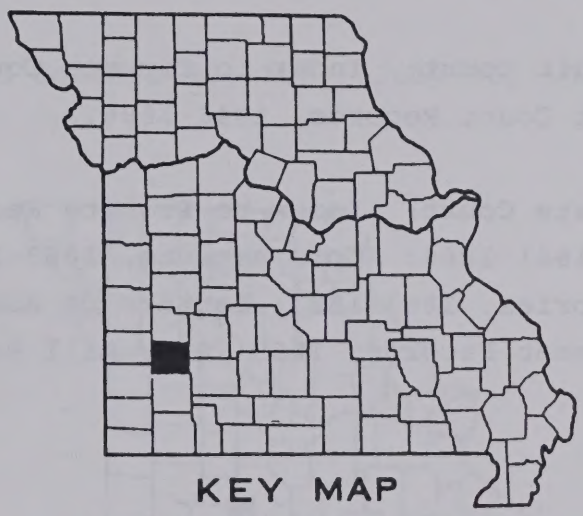
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1831-1891; Letter Book, 1840-1851.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1851-1906; Letters of Administration, 1837-1902; Letters of Testamentary, 1874-1907; Inventories, 1867-1875; Probate Records, 1835-1886; Settlement Records, 1867-1886; Will Records, 1832-1920.

DADE COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Barry and Polk counties and named for Francis L. Dade, pioneer settler. County seat: Greenfield, 65661.

Courthouse burned October 6, 1863.



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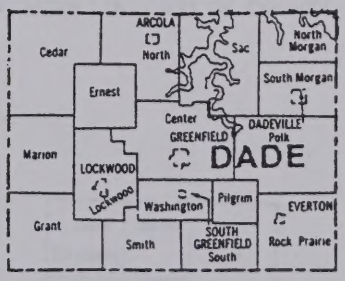


DADE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1841-1890; Deed Records, 1841-1886; Marriage Records, 1863-1919; Register of Marriages, 1867-1871.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1885; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1885; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1885; Register of Deaths, 1883-1885.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1846-1895; Circuit Court Records, 1846-1886.

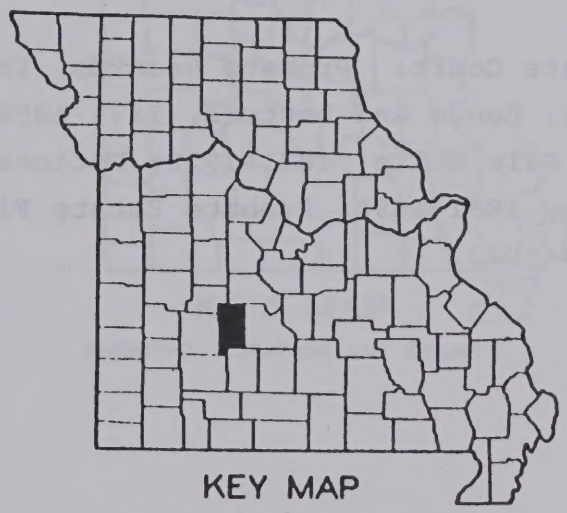
Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1841-1883; Probate Records, 1841-1886; Appraisements, 1863-1891; Bonds, 1863-1886; Inventories, 1863-1893; Letters of Administration, 1841-1912; Settlement Records, 1869-1895; Will Records, 1841-1922.

DALLAS COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Polk County and named for George M. Dallas, diplomat and later vice president. County seat: Buffalo, 65622.

Originally organized as Niangua County in 1841, the name was changed to Dallas on December 16, 1844, due to the alleged difficulty in both spelling and pronouncing Niangua.

Courthouse burned October 18, 1863, July 30, 1864 and September 3, 1867.



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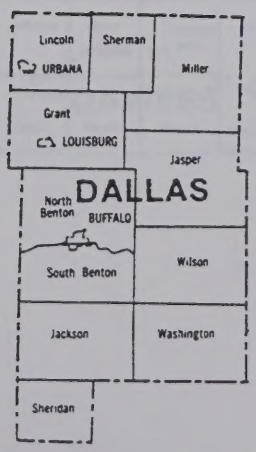

DALLAS COUNTY

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Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1909; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1898; Register of Deaths, 1883-1924; Poll Tax Book, 1924-1935; County Court Docket, 1875-1950; County Court Record Index, 1867-1949.

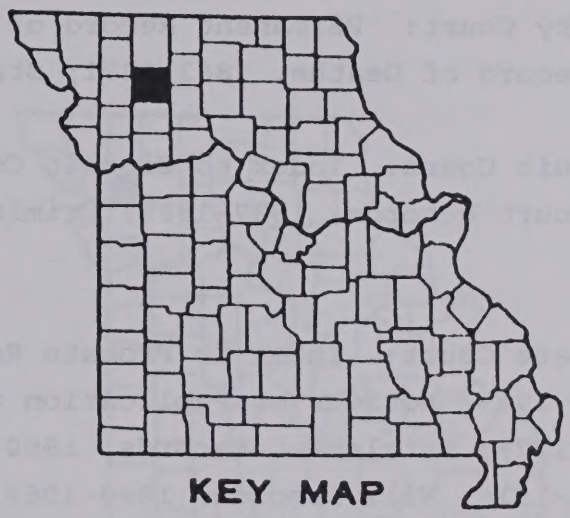
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1867-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records, 1867-1889; Probate Minutes, 1878-1884; Bonds and Letters, 1871-1894; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1871-1922; Notices, 1871-1894; Settlement Records, 1871-1890; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Will Records, 1894-1922.

DAVIESS COUNTY

Organized December 29, 1836, from Ray County and named for Joseph H. Daviess, Kentucky soldier in the War of 1812. County seat: Gallatin, 64640.

The probate records were destoyed by fire in 1890.



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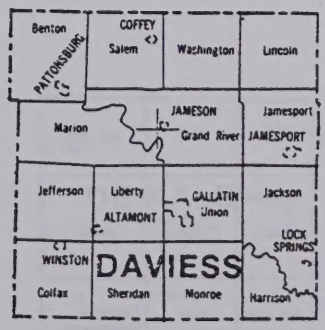

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Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1891; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1891; State Census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1837-1885; Criminal Case Files, 1839-1840.

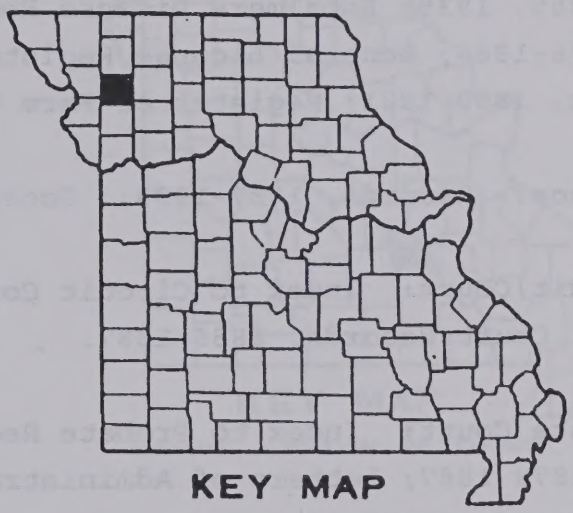
Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1890-1919; Inventories, 1890-1919; Notices of Publication and Final Settlement, 1899-1925; Settlement Records, 1890-1910; Record of Descendants, 1901-1916; Will Records, 1890-1969.

DeKALB COUNTY

Organized February 25, 1845, from Clinton County and named for Johann Kalb, Baron deKalb. County seat: Maysville, 64469.

Baron deKalb was a German-born officer who served with the French Army and was killed in the American Revolution.

Courthouse burned December 25, 1878.



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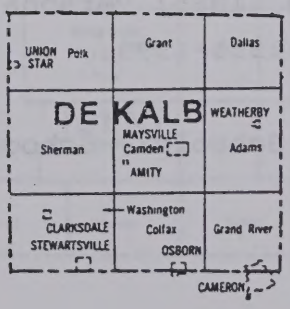

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Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births, 1883-1893; Cemetery Record Books, 1899-1992; Chiropractic License Register, 1927; County Court Records, 1878-1969; Courthouse and Jail Specifications, 1885, 1938; Embalmers License Register 1912-1924; Estray Record, 1878-1886; General License Register 1885-1915; Poll Road Tax Book, 1880-1881; Register of Farm Names, 1908-1961.

Justice of the Peace: Records, 1887-1893; Docket, 1907-1927.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1856-1893; Circuit Court Records, 1856-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1879-1889; Probate Records, 1879-1887; Letters of Administration and Bonds, 1879-1918; Will Records, 1877-1924.

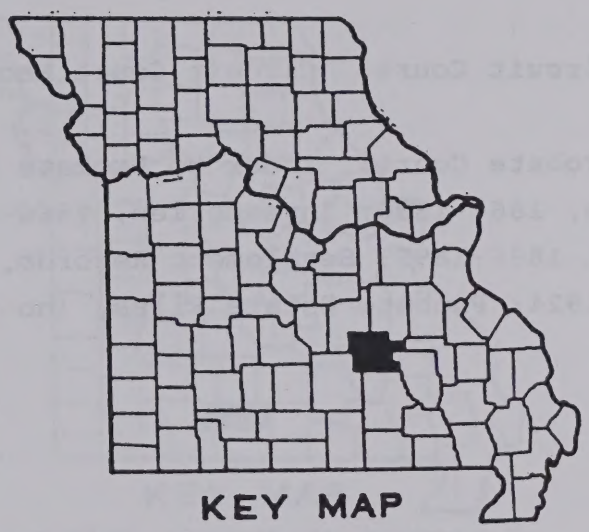
County Assessor/Collector: Assessments, 1885-1948; Taxes, 1879-1948; Back Taxes/Personal, 1951-1988; Back Taxes/Real Estate, 1985-1991; Merchant Taxes, 1985; Personal Property Taxes, 1949-1992; Real Estate Taxes, 1951-1993.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Enumeration Records, 1964-1981.

DENT COUNTY

Organized February 10, 1851, from Crawford and Shannon counties and named for Lewis Dent, pioneer settler. County seat: Salem, 65560.

Courthouse burned May, 1864.



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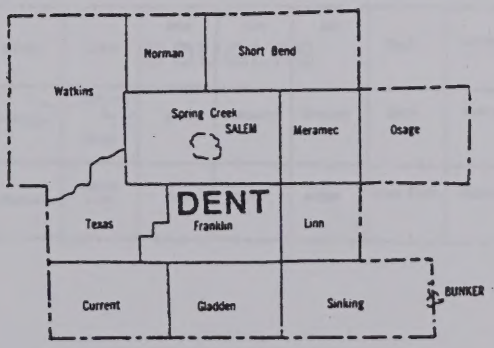


DENT COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1851-1891; Deed Records, 1866-1891; Supplied Deeds, 1851-1859; Patent Records, 1866-1905; Marriage Records and Index, 1851-1917.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1884; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1884; Register of Deaths, 1883-1884.

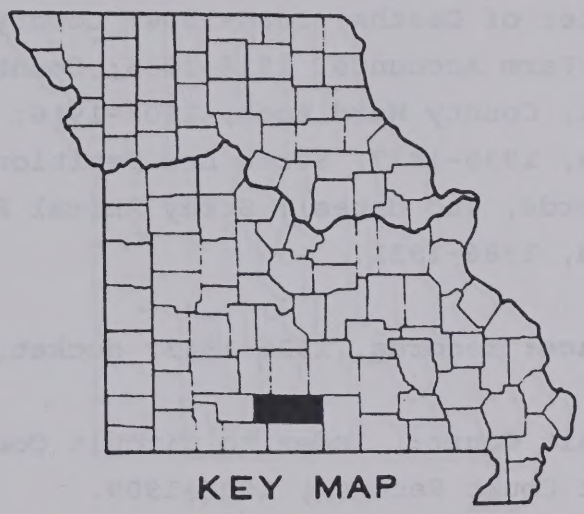
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1866-1890.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1866-1983; Probate Records, 1866-1890; Inventories, 1866-1903; Letters of Administration, 1866-1895; Settlement Records, 1877-1886; Will Records, 1866-1924; Probate Estate Files, (no dates).

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Organized October 29, 1857, from Ozark County and named for Stephen A. Douglas, Illinois senator and later presidential candidate. County seat: Ava, 65608

Courthouse burned in July, 1872 and April 26 or 27, 1886.



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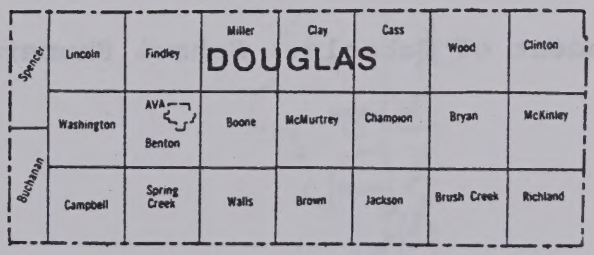

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1860-1893; Index to Deeds, 1886-1991; Deed Records, 1858-1920, 1944-1993; Index to Marriage Records, (no dates); Marriage Records, 1877-1916; Marriage License Applications, 1943-1989; Military Service Records, 1919-1921.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1886-1894; Register of Deaths, 1886-1904; County Patients, 1921-1969; County Poor Farm Accounts, 1916-1935; County Poor Farm Records, 1916-1941; County Ward Book, 1903-1916; Courthouse Construction Files, 1935-1937; Stock Law Petitions, 1908-1937; Miscellaneous Records, (no dates); Stray Animal Records, 1914-1939; Stray Record, 1886-1931.

Justice of the Peace: records, 1925-1943; docket, 1927-1943.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1886-1931; Circuit Court Records, 1886-1909.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, (no dates); Appraisements, 1889-1892; Settlement Records, 1886-1895; Will Records, 1886-1928.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Enumeration Records, 1891-1969.

DUNKLIN COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Stoddard County and named for Daniel Dunklin, governor of Missouri. County seat: Kennett, 63857.

Courthouse burned April, 1872.

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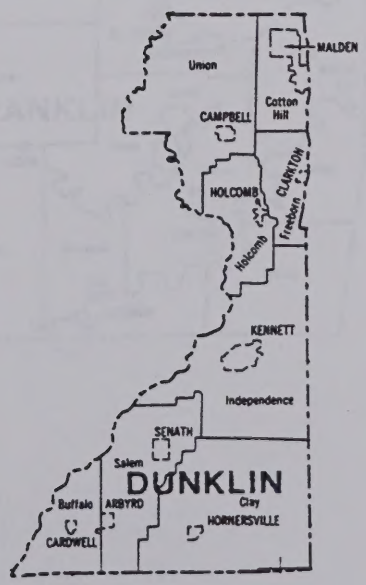

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Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1872-1923; Deed Records, 1872-1951; Patent Records, 1859; Index to Marriage Records, 1889-1956; Marriage Records, 1872-1955; Military Discharge Records, 1919-1968.

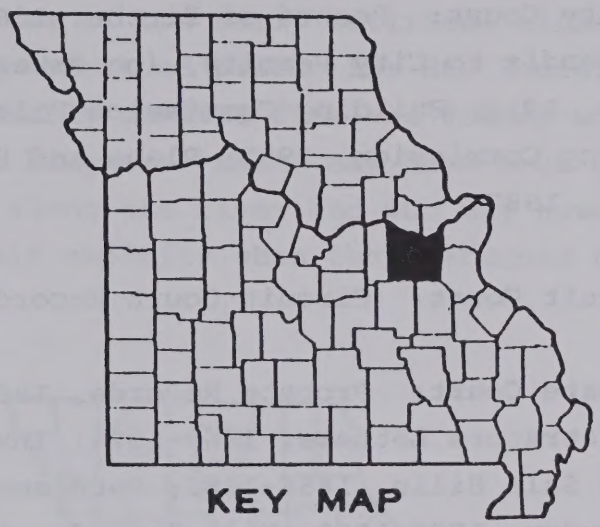
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1872-1916; Circuit Court Records, 1872-1951; Circuit Court Case Files, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1872-1929; Probate Records, 1869-1932; Probate Minutes, 1874-1878, 1888-1934; Bonds and Letters, 1865-1924; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1872-1888; Settlement Records, 1883-1892; Will Records, 1866-1944.

Malden/City Council: City Council Minutes, 1878-1970.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Organized December 11, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from St. Louis County and named for Benjamin Franklin. County seat: Union, 63084.



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Clerk of the County Court: Record of Births, 1863-1892; State Census, 1876; Appendix to City Permits, (no dates); Assessment Book, 1876; Atlas, 1919; Building Commission Files 1984-1992; Planning and Zoning Commission, 1992; Plans and Permits, 1992; Subdivision Plats, 1987.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1819-1886.

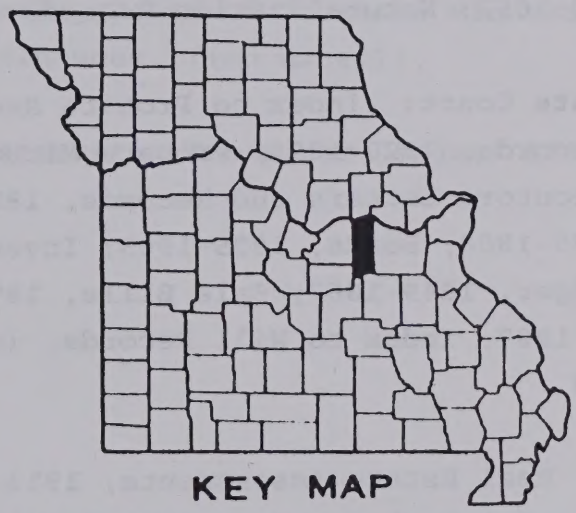
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records, 1868-1892; Bonds, 1836-1911; Administrators Letters, 1869-1924; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1856-1888; Settlement Records, 1870-1912; Will Index, 1905-1969; Will Records, 1819-1970.

Pacific/City Council: Ordinances, 1859-1914, 1947-1992; Planning and Zoning Minutes, 1972-1992; Cemetery Deeds, 1885-1992.

GASCONADE COUNTY

Organized November 25, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Franklin County and named for Gasconade River. County seat: Hermann, 65041.

Gasconade may be one of the early satirical nicknames, like **Paincourt** meaning 'short of bread' for St. Louis, which has survived. It probably derived from the French word **gascon** meaning 'boaster, braggart' which may have been applied to the people who lived along the river and who may have been inclined to brag about their exploits when they returned to St. Louis.



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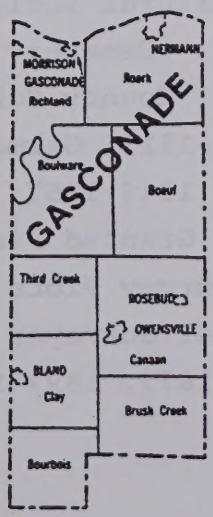


GASCONADE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1821-1888; Deed Records, 1821-1926; Marriage Records, 1822-1920; Marriage Register, 1883-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1896; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1891; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1896; State Census, 1876; Assessments, 1821-1827; Merchant Accounts, 1834-1837; Standard Atlas, 1875, 1913.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1868-1888; Circuit Court Records, 1821-1925; Circuit Court Records Book, 1840-1853; Naturalization Records, 1894-1904.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, (no dates); Probate Records, 1827-1891; Probate Minutes, 1875-1892; Administrators/Executors Letters and Records, 1825-1903; Appraisements, 1886-1888; Bonds, 1825-1903; Inventories, 1867-1893; Probate Ledger, 1849-1867; Sale Bills, 1871-1879; Settlements, 1841-1907; Index to Will Records, (no dates); Will Records, 1821-1918.

Hermann/Assessor: Real Estate Assessments, 1913-1921; Town Plots, (no dates); Original Surveys, 1799, 1888.

Hermann/City Clerk: Agricultural Society, 1876-1899; Board of Trustees-Minutes, 1836-1916; Cemetery Records, 1841-1883; City Meeting Minutes, 1839-1877; County School Records, 1876-1892; German School Records, 1836-1915; German Settlement Society, 1836-1845; Wine Lot Leases, 1846-1857; ; Ordinance Book, 1836-1931; Original Survey #3004 Granted Pierre Chouteau-Spanish Authority, 1799; Original Survey Plots (TWP 44, TWP 45 Range 6 West), ((no dates)); Original Surveyor Record of Herman Island, 1888; Poorhouse Fund, 1869-1877, 1893-1959.

Hermann/City Collector: Tax Assessments and Payments, 1841-1895; Business, Merchants and Taverns Licenses and records, 1857-1895; Collectors and Treasurers Reports, 1871-1911.

Hermann/City Council: Minutes, 1870-1950.

Hermann/City Treasurer: Financial Records, 1911-1916; Recoirds of Expenditures and Income, 1846-1874; Treasurer's Records, 1891-1909; Treasurer and Collector Accounts, 1836-1965.

Hermann/Public Works Superintendent: Public Works Records, 1912-1920, 1939-1945.

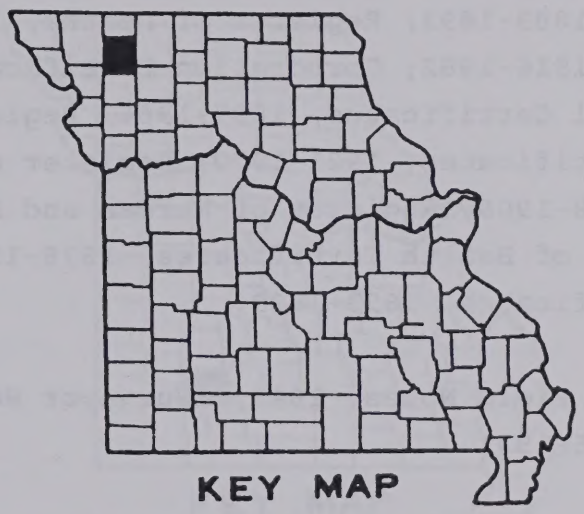
Morrison/City Clerk: Board of Trustees Minutes, 1919-1942; Miscellaneous Ordinances, ((no dates)).

Morrison/City Treasurer: Treasurer Ledger, 1899-1919.

GENTRY COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Clinton County and named for Richard Gentry, Seminole War general. County seat: Albany, 64402.

Courthouse destroyed by windstorm July 13, 1883.



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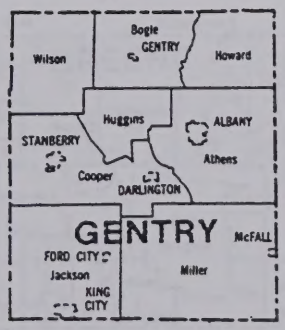


GENTRY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1885-1992; Deeds, 1885-1986; Deed Book in Worth County, 1849-1857; Abstract and Index to Mortages, 1885-1989; Marriages, 1903-1915; Patent Records, 1885-1963.

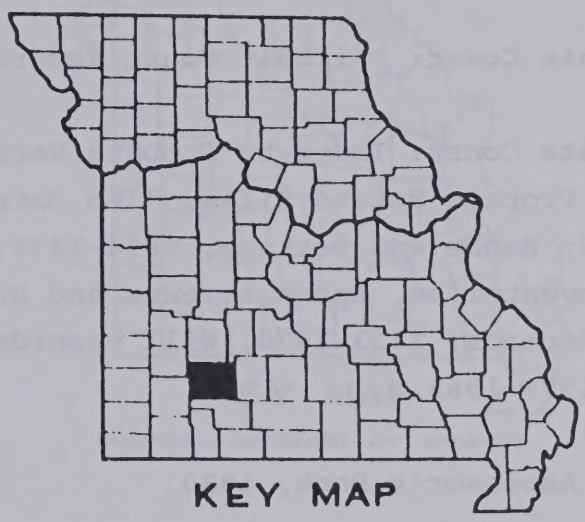
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1886-1893; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1893; Register of Deaths, 1883-1893; Cemetery Ledger, 1916-1982; Corporation Certificates, 1947-1974; Register of Dental Certificates, 1897-1966; Register of Druggist and Physician Certificates, 1921-1970; Register of Health Certificates, 1878-1906; Register of Nurses and Attendants, 1921-1972; State Board of Health Certificates, 1878-1981; State Board of Pharmacy Certificates, 1893-1909.

County Surveyor: Field Notes, 1843; Surveyor Records and County Road Surveys, 1885-1931.

GREENE COUNTY

Organized January 2, 1833, from Crawford and Wayne counties and named for Nathaniel Greene, Revolutionary War general. County seat: Springfield, 65802.

Courthouse burned October 28, 1861.



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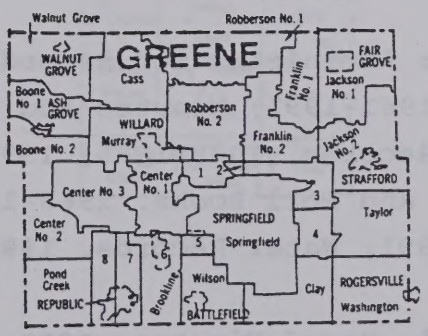


GREENE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1833-1886; Deed Records, 1833-1886, 1950-1951; Marriage Records and Index, 1833-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Births, 1884-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1895; Register of Deaths, 1883-1902; State Census, 1844, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1833-1885.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records and Estate files, 1835-1993; Probate Estate Files, ((no dates)); Probate Records, 1830-1885; Bonds and Letters, 1834-1895; Inheritance Tax Due, 1927-1970; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1855-1970; Settlement Records, 1833-1970; Will Records, 1840-1916, 1956, 1959-1969, 1979-1983.

County Assessor: Assessor's Book, 1830.

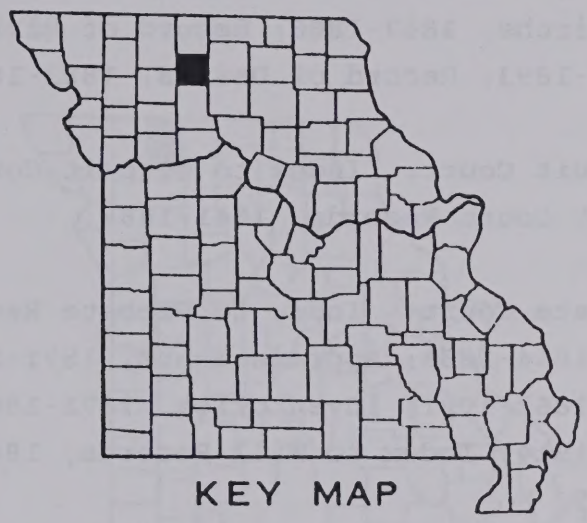
Library District: Greene County Public Library, Minutes and Annual Reports, 1901-1988; Ozark Pioneer Library, Minutes, 1966-1972.

Strafford/City Clerk: Administration Records, 1985-1990; Audits, 1963-1991; Minutes, 1961-1991; Minutes and Sewer Bonds, 1960-1985; Miscellaneous Records, 1983-1985, 1991-1992; Ordinances, 1982; Census Reports and Poll Books, 1963-1990; Taxes, Deposits, and Receipts, 1985-1991; Water Records, 1982-1993.

Willard/Public School: Board Minutes, 1956-1990; Attendance Records, 1976-1993; Open Meetings, 1986-1994.

GRUNDY COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Livingston County and named for Felix Grundy, Tennessee senator and United States Attorney General. County seat: Trenton, 64683.



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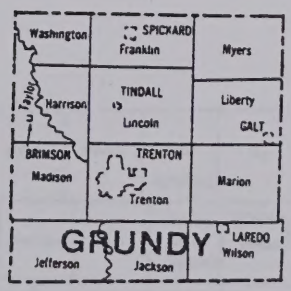


GRUNDY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1846-1888; Deed Records, 1841-1888; Index to Marriage Records, 1841-1937; Marriage Records, 1841-1916; Military Discharge Records, 1862-1865.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1893; Record of Births, 1847-1866; Record of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1893; Record of Deaths, 1883-1893.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1841-1912; Circuit Court Records, 1841-1889.

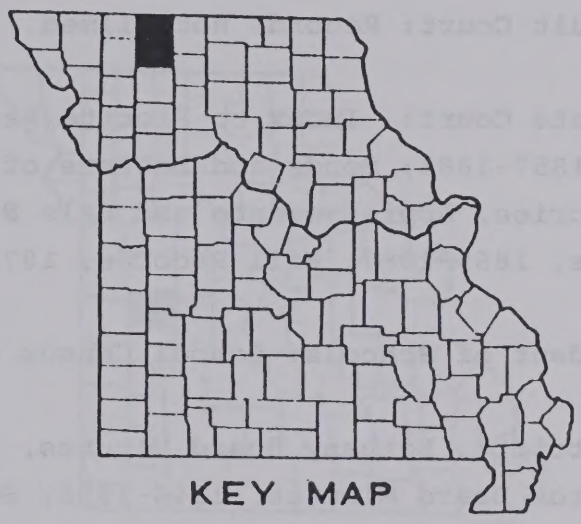
Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1864-1909; Probate Records, 1864-1888; Appraisements, 1871-1902; Letters, Bonds and Oaths, 1863-1921; Inventories, 1871-1969; Notices and Publishers, 1872-1914; Index to Will Records, 1864-1910; Will Records, 1863-1919.

Trenton/City Council: Minute Book Index, 1870-1903; Minute Books, 1857-1992; Ordinance books, 1872-1990.

HARRISON COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Daviess County and named for Albert G. Harrison, Missouri congressman. County seat: Bethany, 64424.

Courthouse burned January 7, 1874.



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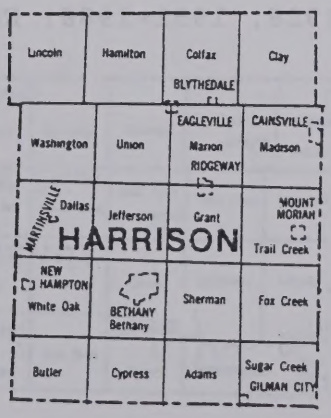


HARRISON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Records not filmed.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Atlas and Plat, 1898, 1917, 1976-1979; County Court Minutes, 1946-1991; County Court Records and Index, 1845-1995.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Records not filmed.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1857-1893; Probate Records, 1857-1883; Bonds and Letters of Administrators, 1859-1891; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1858-1885; Settlement Records, 1869-1887; Will Records, 1879-1922.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Census Cards, 1950-1960.

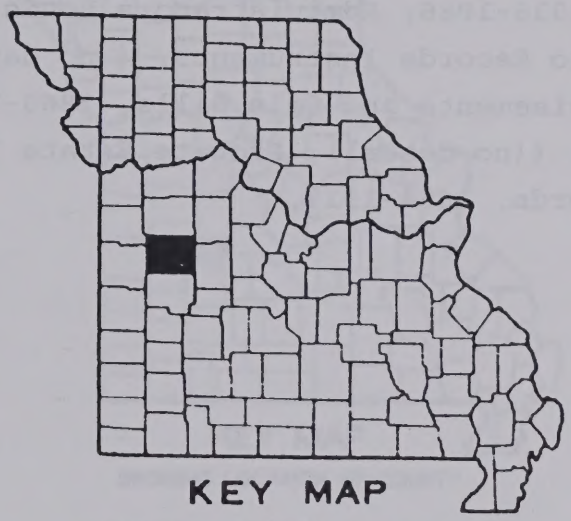
Public School District: Bethany Board Minutes, 1900-1906, 1912-1924; South Harrison Board Minutes, 1946-1956; South Harrison Budget, 1974-1977.

Bethany/City Clerk: Board of Health Book-Bethany Hose Company, 1895; Council Minutes, 1865-1994; Map Drawings, ((no dates)); Ordinances, 1878-1894, 1926, 1951-1986; Receipts, 1869-1880.

HENRY COUNTY

Organized December 13, 1834, from Lillard (now Lafayette) County and named for Patrick Henry, Revolutionary patriot. County seat: Clinton, 64735.

Originally organized as Rives County, the name was changed to Henry on October 15, 1841, by an act of the Legislature.



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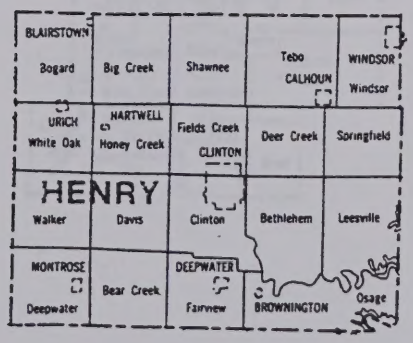


HENRY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1837-1886; Deed Records, 1836-1986; Index to Marriage Records, 1871-1902; Marriage Records, 1835-1916.

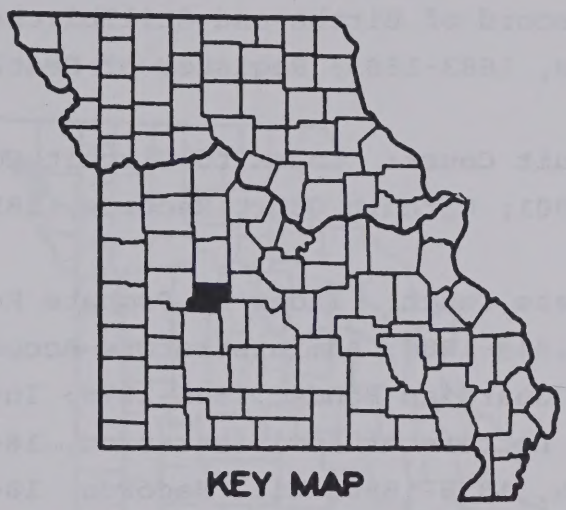
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1835-1885.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1857-1973; Probate Records, 1836-1886; Administrators Bonds and Letters, 1875-1887; Index to Records Instruments, ((no dates)); Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1863-1886; Probate Estate File Index, ((no dates)); Probate Estate Files, ((no dates)); Will Records, 1854-1917.

HICKORY COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Benton and Polk counties and named for Andrew Jackson, 'Old Hickory'. County seat: Hermitage, 65668.

Courthouse burned in 1852, 1860 and January 8, 1881.



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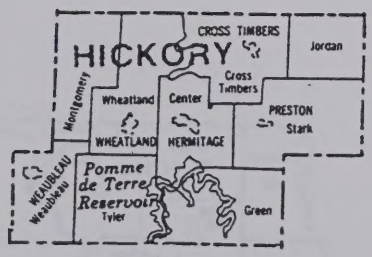


HICKORY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1848-1893; Deed Records, 1846-1896; Marriage Records and Index, 1872-1919.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery Court Minute Book, 1845-1887.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Births and Stillbirths, 1888-1898; Register of Births, 1883-1889; Register of Deaths, 1883-1889.

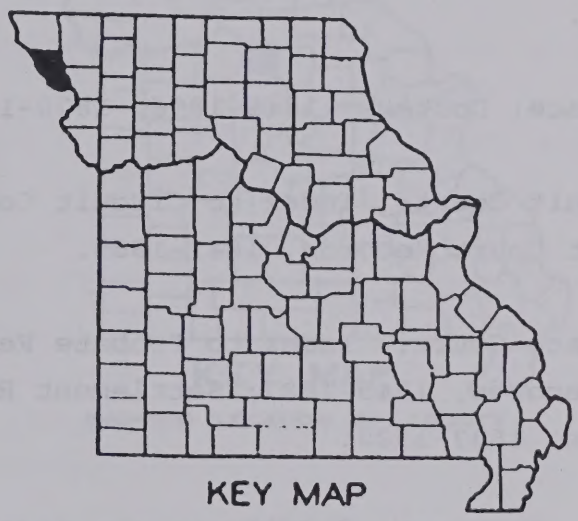
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1858-1871, 1880-1901; Circuit Court Records, 1858-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1870-1886; Probate Records, 1849-1886; Administrators Account, 1845-1872; Administrator and Guardian Bonds, 1845-1879; Inventories and Sale Bills, 1870-1882; Letters of Administration, 1847-1922; Settlement Records, 1879-1890; Will Records, 1848-1945; Probate Estate Files, (no dates).

HOLT COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from the Platte Purchase and named for David Rice Holt, Missouri legislator from Platte County. County seat: Oregon, 64473.

Originally organized and named Nodaway County, the name was changed seventeen days later to honor the memory of D.R. Holt, who died during the legislative session.



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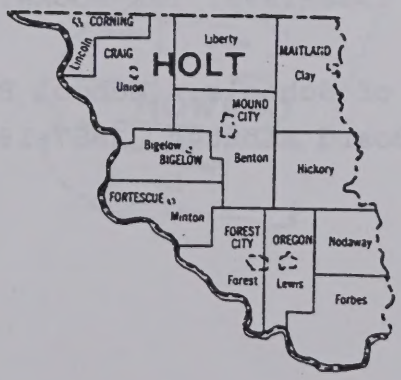


HOLT COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1841-1887; Deed Records 1841-1900; Marriage Records and Index, 1841-1920.

Clerk of the County Court: Record of Births, 1883-1889; Record of Deaths, 1883-1889; State Census, 1876; Board of Health Minutes, 1901-1920; County Court Minutes, 1838-1978; County Court Record Index, 1846-1931; County Court Records, 1846-1975; Minute and Enumeration Record, 1930; Tax Book, 1861; Scalp Register, 1878-1895; Stray Records, 1841-1850, 1877-1896; Swampland Sales Record Book, 1856.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1845-1856, 1870-1877.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1876-1898; Circuit Court Records, 1841-1885.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, (no dates); Probate Records, 1849-1887; Settlement Records, 1875-1889; Will Records, 1837-1920.

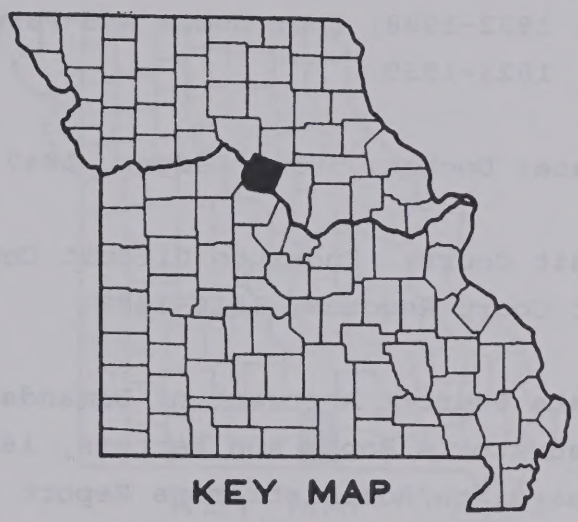
County Collector: Abstract of Collections, 1981-1991; Back Taxes, 1920-1990; Flood Papers, 1984; Merchant and Manufacturer Taxes, 1982-1984; Personal Property Tax Assessments, 1956-1963; Personal Property Taxes/Rural and Cities, 1982-1993; Rural Estate Taxes and Assessment, 1960-1993; Tax Books, 1945-1994.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Board Minute Index, ((no dates)); School Board Minutes, 1857-1971; School Enumeration Records, 1899-1982.

HOWARD COUNTY

Organized January 23, 1816 (effective March 1, 1816) from St. Charles and St. Louis counties and named for Benjamin Howard, Governor of the Missouri Territory. County seat: Fayette 65248.

Courthouse burned December 1, 1887.



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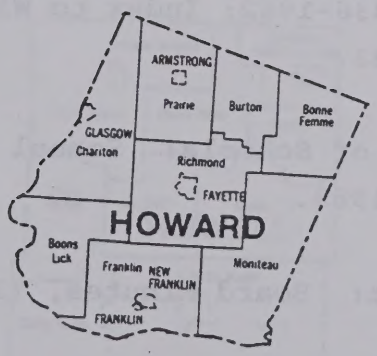


HOWARD COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1816-1889; Deed Records, 1816-1887; Index to Marriage Records, 1816-1972; Marriage Records, 1816-1919; Negro/Colored Marriage Records, 1865-1879.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1893; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1888; State Census, 1876; Courthouse Construction, 1887-1889; Marks and Brands Record, 1827-1896, 1952-1988; Poor House and Farm Records, 1869-1897; Road Patrol, 1823-1859.

Justice of the Peace: Docket, 1891; Ledger, 1847.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1831-1896; Circuit Court Records, 1816-1889.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Demands, 1895-1922, 1944-1965; Administrator's Bonds and Letters, 1880-1956; Blind Act, 1899-1933; Guardians/Administrators Report of Sale, 1899-1955; Inventories, Appraisements, and Sale Bills, 1853-1981; Probate Record Index, 18779-1899; Probate Records, 1816, 1821-1978; Probate Register, 1955-1962; Probate Orders, 1965-1978; Probate Estate Files, ((no dates)); Settlement Index, 1839-1918; Settlement Records, 1836-1982; Index to Will Records, 1818-1972; Will Records, 1818-1982.

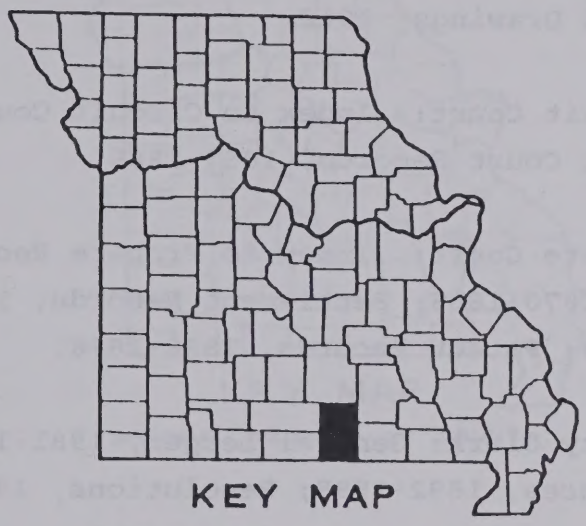
County Superintendent of Schools: School Enumeration, 1873-1983; School Records, 1800-1983.

Public School District: Board Minutes, 1934-1993.

HOWELL COUNTY

Organized March 2, 1857, from Oregon County and named for James Howell, pioneer settler. Some sources also state the county was named for Thomas J. Howell. County seat: West Plains, 65775.

Courthouse burned in 1866.



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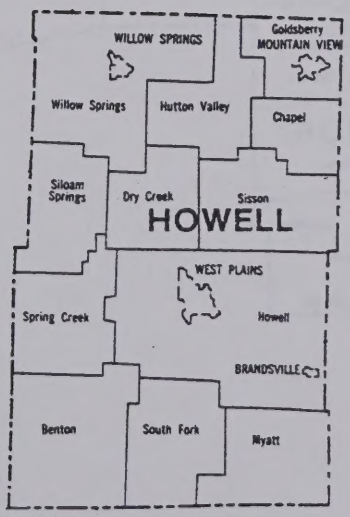

HOWELL COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1866-1889; Deed Records, 1866-1914; Miscellaneous Records and Index, 1874-1895; Marriage Records and Index, 1867-1916; Marriage License Applications, 1881-1979; Military Honor Roll, 1917-1919.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1895; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1895; Bridge Specifications and Drawings, 1910.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, 1858-1896; Circuit Court Records, 1857-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Index to Probate Records, 1867-1900; Probate Records, 1870-1886; Settlement Records, 1869-1876; Will Records, 1862-1919; Patent Records, 1886-1896.

Willow Springs/City Clerk: General Ledger, 1981-1994; Minutes, 1925-1995; Ordinances, 1892-1995; Resolutions, 1981-1995.

IRON COUNTY

Organized February 17, 1857, from Madison, Reynolds, St. Francois, Washington, and Wayne counties and named for abundant iron ore. County seat: Ironton, 63650.

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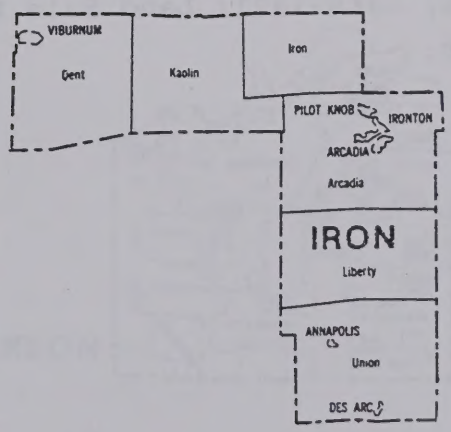


IRON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1815-1887; Deed Records, 1814-1896; Marriage Records, 1857-1922.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1887; Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1896; Register of Deaths, 1883-1887; Court Docket Book, City of Ironton, 1895-1925.

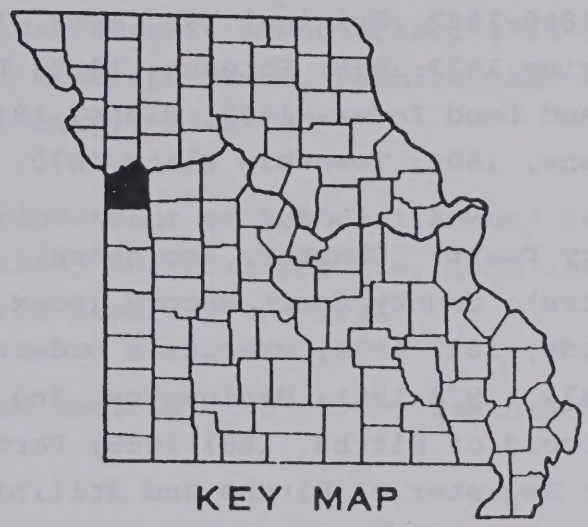
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Index to Circuit Court Records, ((no dates)); Circuit Court Records, 1857-1891.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1857-1887; Administrators Records, 1879-1909; Appraisements,1880-1890, 1905-1931; Bonds, 1857-1959; Bonds and Letters Index, ((no dates)); Inventories, 1880-1937; Letters of Administration, 1864-1889;Notices, 1875-1909; Probate Docket, 1873-1956; Probate Fees, 1879-1944; Probate Minutes, 1875-1956; Sale Bills, 1881-1956; Settlements, 1872-1941; Taxes, 1920-1930; Will Records, 1857-1943.

County Assessor/Collector: Personal Assessments, 1870-1872; Delinquent Land Taxes, 1868-1871; Land Sale for Taxes, 1858-1873; Land Taxes, 1868-1869.

JACKSON COUNTY

Organized December 15, 1826, from Lillard (now Lafayette) County and named for Andrew Jackson. County seat: Independence. Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E 12th Street, Kansas City, 64106.



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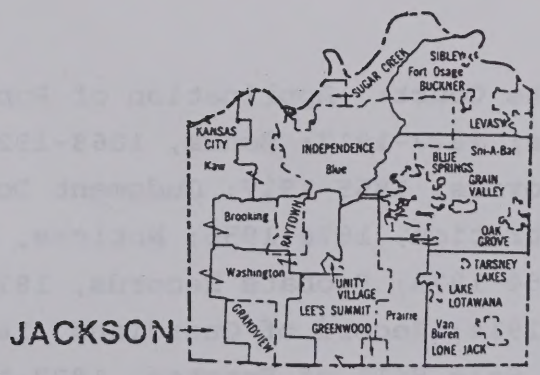


JACKSON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds,1828-1891; Application and Marriage License, 1881-1917; Crow Creek Record, 1852-1864; Deeds, 1827-1886; Index to Marriages, including Kansas City, 1827-1937; Index to Plats, ((no dates)); Jackson County Map, 1881; Marriage Licenses, 1903-1949; Marriages, 1827-1916; Negro Marriages, 1865-1882; Original Land Book, 1821-1843; Original Land Entries,1832-1899; Patents, 1800; Plat and Land File, 1800; Plat and Land Index, 1800; Plats, 1848-1873, 1882-1885; Plats of Towns, 1800; Township Plats,1870.

Clerk of the County Court: Charter, (no dates); County Contracts, (no dates); County Court Record Index, 1827-1972; County Court Records, 1827-1972; Executive Orders, (no dates); Legislative Journals, 1973-1991; Ordinances, (no dates), 1984-1992; Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1884-1890; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1895; Register of Deaths, 1883-1893; Resolutions, 1973-1992; Bonds and Commissions, 1861-1872.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Case Files, 1905-1958 (not complete).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Application of Publication, 1892-1901; Appraisements; 1877-1917; Bonds, 1868-1923; Estate Index, (no dates); Inventories, 1855-1917; Judgment Docket, 1874-1876; Letters of Administration, 1876-1955; Notices, 1871-1906; Order of Publication, 1854-1873; Probate Records, 1871-1950; Record of Descendants, 1901-1914; Record of Guardians, 1871-1898; Reference Docket, 1887-1924; Sale Bill of Estates, 1877-1920; Settlements, 1881-1892; Will Index, (no dates); Wills, 1828-1922, 1963-1969.

Fire District: Assessed Valuations, 1973-1991; Building Permits, 1982-1991; Insurance, (no dates); Inventory, (no dates); Investigations, 1977-1991; Minutes, 1989-1991; Radio Logs, 1966-

1991; Reports, 1966-1991; Salem Records, 1973-1980; Titles and Deeds, (no dates).

Parks and Recreation: Correspondence and Reports,1890-1933; Resolutions and Ordinances, 1881-1923; Maps and Architectural Drawings, 1898-1909; Project Files, 1898-1959; History of Public Recreation, 1940-1959; Program Files, 1940-1959; Property Files, 1943-1971; Starlight Theatre Association, 1946-1971; Subject Files, 1910-1986; Correspondence, Reports, and Reference Materials (Kansas City), 1940-1973.

Kansas City/Superintendent of Schools: Annual Report of Secretary, 1976-1980; Auditors Reports, 1958-1989; Board Minutes, 1867-1986; Historic Report, 1984-1986.

Kansas City: Birth Records, 1887-1909; Death Records and Index, 1874-1965.

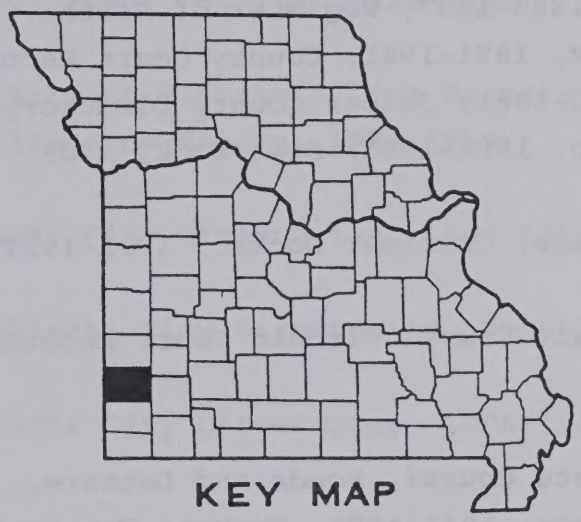
Lee's Summit: Minutes, 1920-1994; Ordinances, 1898-1994; Plats, 1948-1983; Resolutions, 1926-1994.

Metropolitan Community College: Board of Trustees Minutes, 1964-1988.

JASPER COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Barry County and named for William Jasper, revolutionary soldier. County seat: Carthage, 64836.

Courthouse burned in October, 1863.



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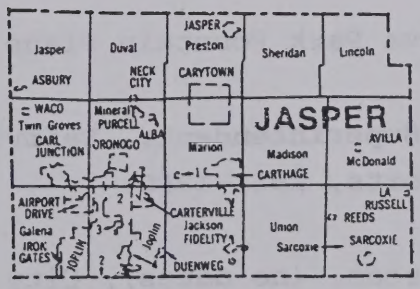


JASPER COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds and Mortgages, 1841-1946; Deeds, 1841-1972; Mortgages, 1859-1937; Soldiers Discharge Records,1919-1971; Marriages and Index, 1841-1976.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1896; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1884-1892; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1897; Register of Deaths, 1883-1897; County Court Record Index, 1891-1941; County Court Records, 1841-1946; Docket Books, 1842-1861; Jasper County Directory, 1896-1912; Voter Registration, 1988-1991; Plat Book, 1905.

Justice of the Peace: Criminal Docket, 1931-1937.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1841-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Bonds and Letters, 1865-1908; Probate Estate Books, 1841-1873; Probate Estate File Index, 1841-1924; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Minutes, 1841-1861; Probate Record Index, 1841-1924; Probate Records, 1865-1886; Wills, 1842-1916.

County Engineer: Spiva Park Fountain Plans (Joplin), (no dates).

Joplin/City Cemetery Superintendent: Fairview Cemetery Records, 1911-1942; Sexton Reports, 1911-1990.

Joplin/City Clerk: Deeds, (no dates); City Directory, 1896-1922; Miscellaneous Bonds and Transcripts, 1965-1976; Miscellaneous Records, 1873; Sewer Easements, 1969; Tally Sheets-General/Special Elections, 1953-1981.

Joplin/City Council: Charter Commission Minutes, 1978; Childrens Home Records, 1889-1981; City Council Minutes, 1872-1990; Council

Agendas, 1975-1989; Informal Notes, 1988-1990; Memorial Hall Plans, 1890-1898; Miscellaneous Papers, 1959-1980; Monthly Board Roll Call, 1953-1955; Ordinance Index, 1902-1983; Ordinances, 1873-1990; Release of Special Tax Bills, (no dates); Resolution Index, 1954-1983; Resolutions, 1880-1990; Street Sewer Improvement Index, 1902-1983.

Joplin/Public Works Superintendent: Semi-Annual Water Works Reports, 1952-1980; Sewer Permits, 1915-1980.

Transportation: Airport Contracts, (no dates); Airport Deeds, (no dates); Miscellaneous Papers, 1933-1959.

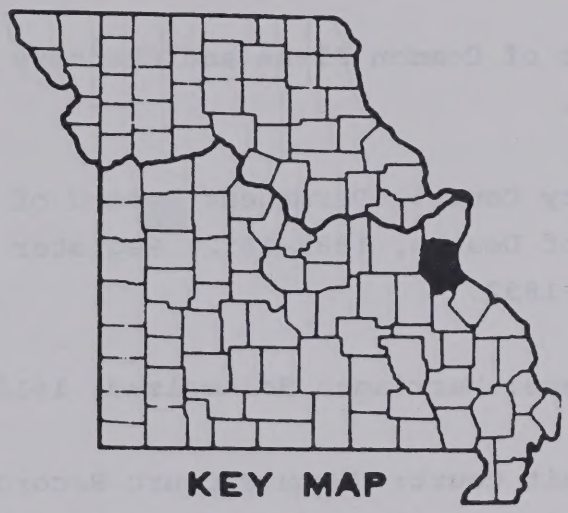
Carthage/City Clerk: City Directories, 1906-1907.

Carterville/City Clerk: City Directories, 1906-1907.

Webb City/City Clerk: City Directories, 1906-1907.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Organized December 8, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from St. Louis and Ste. Genevieve counties and named for Thomas Jefferson. County seat: Hillsboro, 63050.



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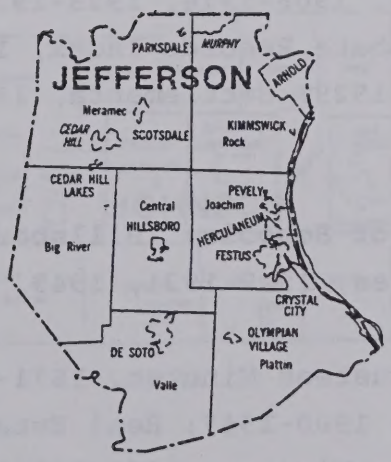

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Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1819-1904; Deeds, 1819-1901; Index to Marriages, 1825-1849; Marriages and Index, 1838-1951; Commissions and Marriages, 1826-1838; Marriage Certificates, 1836-1950; Marriage Licenses, 1881-1885; Negro Marriages, 1849-1871.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery Record, 1826-1851.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births,1883-1892; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1892; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1890-1892.

Justice of the Peace: Marriages Solemnized, 1918-1946.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1819-1952; Naturalization Records, 1910-1939.

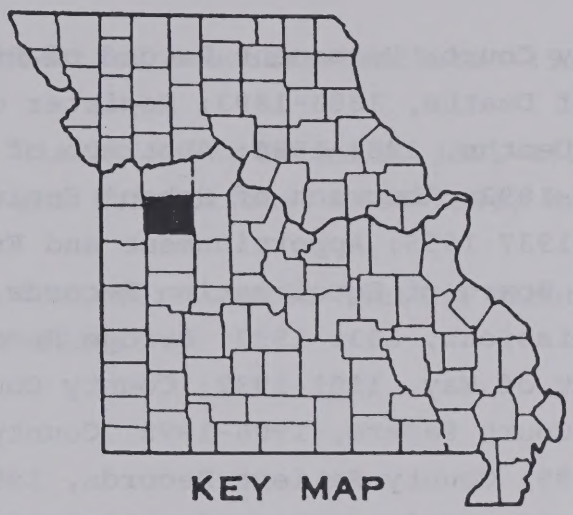
Clerk of the Probate Court: Administration Records, 1858-1910; Appraisements, 1914-1922; Bonds, 1826-1838, 1873-1895; Inventories, 1850-1893, 1906-1916, 1923-1930; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Records Index, 1869-1905, 1922-1945; Probate Records, 1822-1929; Settlements, 1873-1939; Wills, 1872-1933.

County Superintendent of Schools: Hillsboro School Records, 1909-1921; Board Minutes, 1917-1921, 1949, 1987-1993.

Kimmswick: Board of Trustees Minutes, 1871-1952; Personal Property Tax Receipts, 1900-1947; Real Estate Property Tax, 1896-1947; Board of Alderman Minutes, 1969-1984; Cash Account Book, 1872-1942.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Organized December 13, 1834, from Lillard (now Lafayette) County and named for R.M. Johnson, Kentucky senator and later Vice President. County seat: Warrensburg, 64093.



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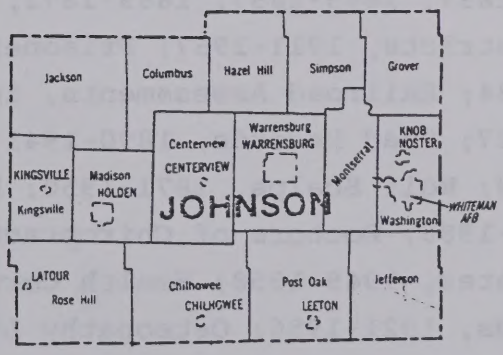


JOHNSON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1835-1886; Deeds, 1832-1886; Marriages and Index, 1835-1919.

Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Common Pleas Record, 1867-1872; Chancery Records, 1837-1848.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1894; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Register of Births, 1883-1894; Register of Deaths, 1883-1894; Abstract of Juror Certificates, 1888-1892; Abstract of School Estimates, 1874-1878; Allowance Record, 1937-1955; Apportionment and Enumerators, 1887-1894; Atlas, 1898; Board of Equalization Records, 1881-1995; Bonds, Oaths, Commissions, 1835-1992; Bridge Records, 1902-1930; Conveyance of Right of Way, 1901-1932; County Court Minutes, 1925-1973; County Court Papers, 1906-1992; County Court Records and Index, 1835-1985; County Patient Records, 1952-1972; County Road Index, 1864-1886; Drainage Records, 1909-1961; Expenditures, 1878-1933; Farm homes, 1907-1974; Journal, 1872-1876; Marks and Brands, 1861-1991; Military Service Records, 1915-1950; Miscellaneous Court Records, 1888-1961; Outdoor Relief Records, 1914-1932; Plats, 1837, 1855-1857, 1869-1872, 1898-1910, 1914; Plats of School Districts, 1911-1967; Prisoners Boarding Bill, 1900-1906, 1927-1934; Railroad Assessments, 1884-1935; Road Petitions, 1873-1927; Road Records, 1890-1941; Warrants and Register, 1934-1988; Wolf Scalps, 1871-1950; Dental Exam Certificates, 1883-1986; Doctors of Chiropractors, 1883-1906; Embalmers Certificates, 1949-1958; Health Certificates, 1884-1949; Nurses Records, 1921-1956; Osteopathy Licenses, 1901-1977; Pharmacists, 1892-1913; Physicians Roll, 1874-1987; Register of Patients, 1938-1946.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, ? - 1900; 1875-1900; Circuit Court Records, 1835-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Appraisements, 1875-1897; Bonds and Letters, 1840-1918; Inventories, 1852-1888; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Record Index, 1835-1890; Probate Records, 1840-1886; Probate Records Appendix, (no dates); Sale Bills, 1875-1882; Settlements, 1853-1895; Wills and Index, 1840-1916.

County Collector: Tax Book, 1865.

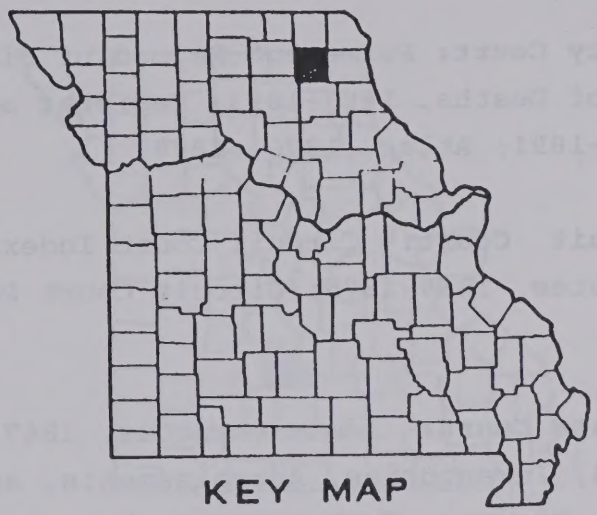
County Superintendent of Schools: Teachers, 1916-1936.

Warrensburg/City Clerk: Mayor Dockets, 1891-1896; Minutes, 1835-1955; Ordinances and Resolutions, 1856-1994; Warrants, 1867-1870.

Warrensburg/City Council: Council Meeting Minutes, 1955-1987; Resolutions, 1920-1994.

KNOX COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Scotland County and named for Henry Knox, Revolutionary War general. County seat: Edina, 63537.



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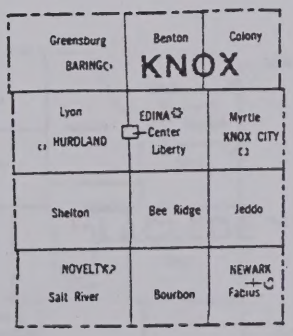

KNOX COUNTY

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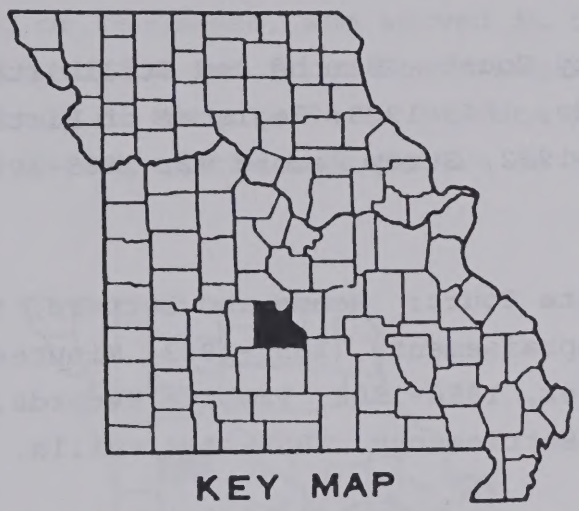
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1893; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1891; Atlas, 1876, 1898.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1845-1912; Circuit Court Minutes, 1869-1875; Circuit Court Records, 1845-1885.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Administrators, 1847-1859; Bonds and Letters, 1879-1894; Inventories, Appraisements, and Sale Bills, 1858-1898; Probate Minutes, 1855-1877; Probate Record Index, 1845-1918; Probate Records, 1845-1889; Settlements, 1872-1906; Wills, 1849-1918.

LACLEDE COUNTY

Organized February 24, 1849, from Camden, Pulaski, and Wright counties and named for Pierre Laclede Liquest, founder of St. Louis. County seat: Lebanon, 65536.



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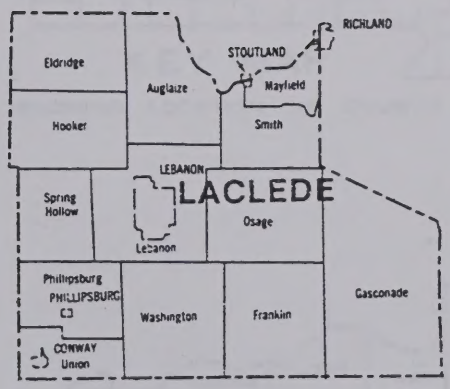

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Clerk of the County Court: Births and Stillbirths, 1884-1889; Earmarks and Brands, 1863-1988; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1922; Stray Record #2, 1885-1902; Stray Record #3, 1900-1919.

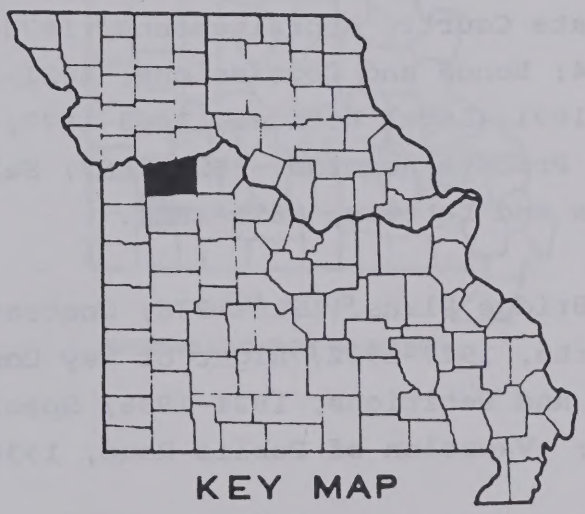
Clerk of the Probate Court: Bonds and Letters, 1852-1881; Inventories and Appraisements, 1855-1883; Minutes, 1848-1856; Probate Record Index, 1850-1908; Probate Records,1850-1890; Sale Bills, 1855-1912; Settlements, 1865-1894; Wills, 1850-1923.

County Superintendent of Schools: Teacher Reports,1919-1967.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Cooper County and named for Marquis de La Fayette. County seat: Lexington, 64067.

Originally organized as Lillard County in honor of James (William) Lillard of Tennessee, who served in the first state constitutional convention and first State Legislature, the name was changed in honor of Marquis de La Fayette's visit to the United States by an act of the Legislature on February 16, 1825.



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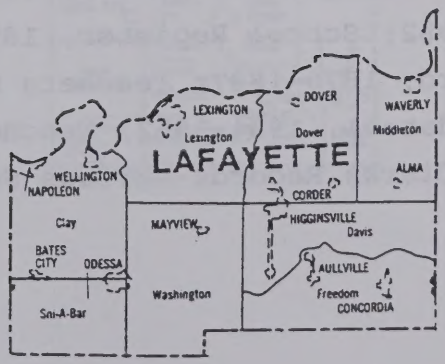


LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Deeds, 1820-1886; Index to Deeds, 1821-1886; Index to Marriages, 1821-1973; Marriages, 1821-1919.

Clerk of the County Court: Bonds of Commission Index, (no dates); County Court Docket, 1844-1861; County Court Records and Index, 1821-1995; Minutes, 1913; Railroad and Mining Plats, 1893-1921; School Land Sales, 1832-1840; School Records, 1841-1870; Soil District Records, 1951-1958.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1821-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Appraisements, 1875-1890; Bonds and Letters, 1879-1924; Bonds and Commissions, 1821-1828; Inventories,1850-1891; Legal Notices, 1863-1877; Probate Record Index, 1821-1897; Probate Records, 1821-1887; Sale Bills, 1876-1888; Wills, Bonds and Letters, 1821-1924.

County Engineer: Bridge Plans, 1916-1936; Contracts and Bonds of Bridges and Culverts, 1917-1932; Right of Way Convergence, 1934-1950; Road Papers and Petitions, 1824-1936; Special Road District Papers, 1923-1982; Vacation of Public Road, 1934-1938.

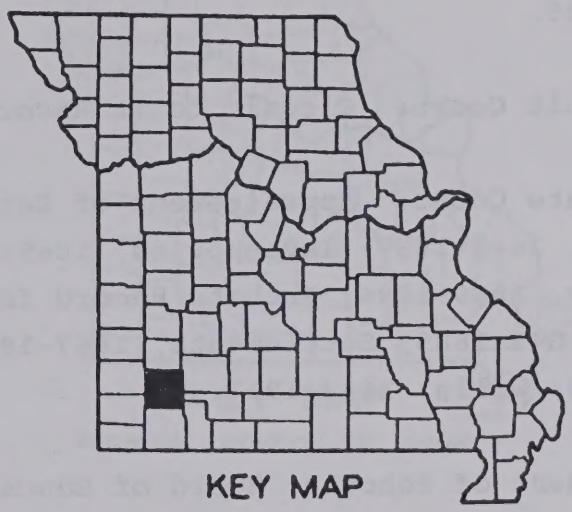
County Superintendent of Schools: Teacher Reports, 1875-1916.

Public School District: Attendance Records, 1906-1952; Board of Education, 1933-1936; Grade Records, 1892-1918; School Enumerations, 1890-1982; School Register, 1894-1942; Superintendents Record, 1870-1887; Teachers Report to Superintendent, (no dates), 1934-1952; Teachers Term Reports, 1925-1948; District Clerks Records-Various Schools, 1847-1957.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Barry and Dade counties and named for James Lawrence, naval hero of the War of 1812. County seat: Mt. Vernon, 65712.

Courthouse burned in 1895.



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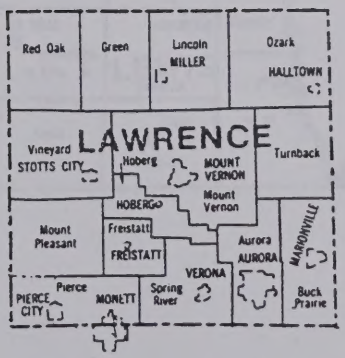


LAWRENCE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Deeds, 1845-1972; Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1845-1917; Index to Marriages, 1903-1926; Marriages, 1845-1918.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1893; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1893; Territorial Records, Missouri and Arkansas, 1815-1825.

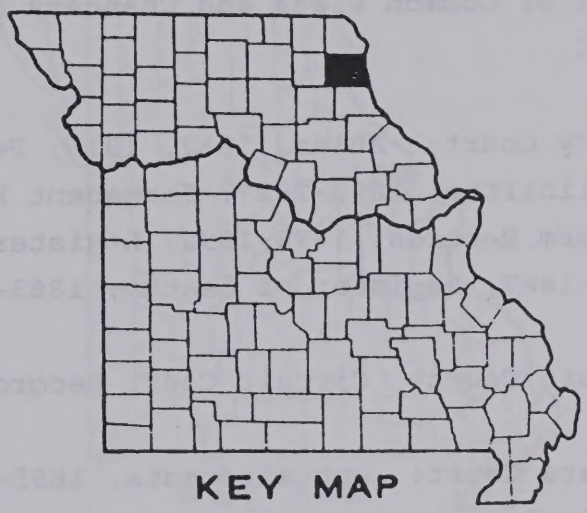
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1845-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Appraisement of Estates, 1866-1885; Bonds and Letters, 1845-1897; Inventories, 1865-1893; Minutes, 1874-1879; Notices, 1869-1894; Probate Record Index, 1845-1950; Probate Records, 1845-1885; Settlements, 1867-1887; Territorial Records, 1827-1830; Wills, 1843-1917.

County Superintendent of Schools: Board of Education Minutes, 1939-1943; District Clerk's Records, 1910-1954; Financial Statements, 1938-1948; Parent Teacher Association, 1928-1939; School Registers, 1905-1948.

LEWIS COUNTY

Organized January 2, 1833, from Marion County and named for Captain Meriwether Lewis, governor of the Missouri Territory. County seat: Monticello, 63457.



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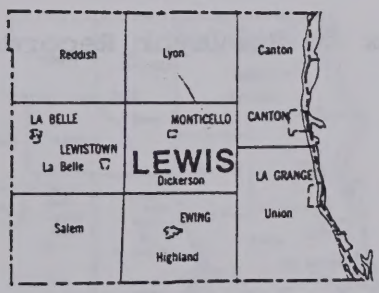


LEWIS COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1833-1889; Deeds, 1833-1895, 1987-1991; Index to Marriages and Marriages, 1833-1919; Loyalty Oaths, 1861-1865; Militia Enrollment, 1860-1861; Patent Record 1920-1969.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery Records, 1834-1856.

Clerk of the County Court: Atlas, 1897, 1916; Permanent Record of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1887; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1887; Poor Farm Records, 1875-1892; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1887; Register of Deaths, 1883-1887.

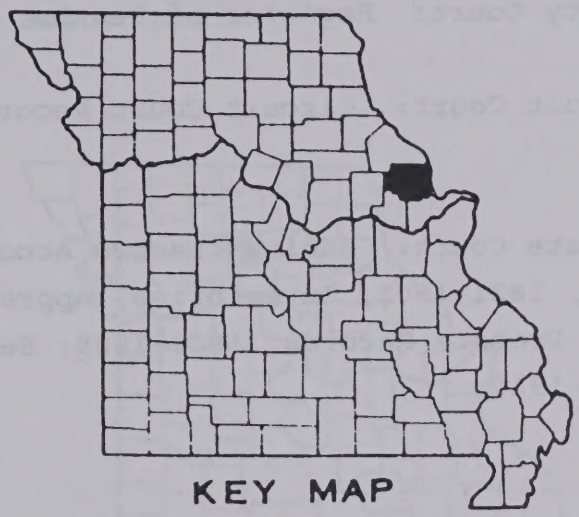
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1833-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Appraisements, 1855-1885; Bonds and Letters, 1833-1914; Inventories, 1883-1893; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1871-1885; Probate Record Index, 1835-1971; Probate Records, 1833-1887; Settlements, 1834-1887; Will Index, 1833-1976; Wills, 1833-1917.

County Surveyor: Index to Surveyor Records, 1902-1923.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Organized December 14, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from St. Charles County and named for Benjamin Lincoln, revolutionary general. County seat: Troy, 63379.



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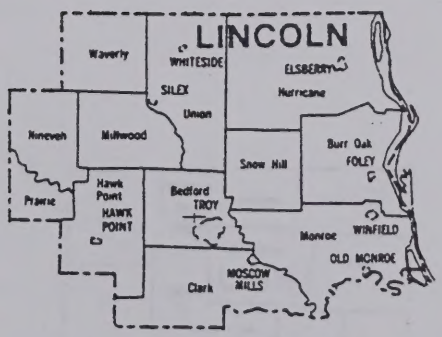


LINCOLN COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Deeds, 1819-1890; Index to Deeds, 1819-1890; Index to Marriages, 1860-1907; Marriages, 1825-1918; Negro Marriages, 1865-1901; Register of Marriages, 1882-1931; Land Entry Book, 1829-1853.

Clerk of the County Court: Register of Deaths, 1883-1884.

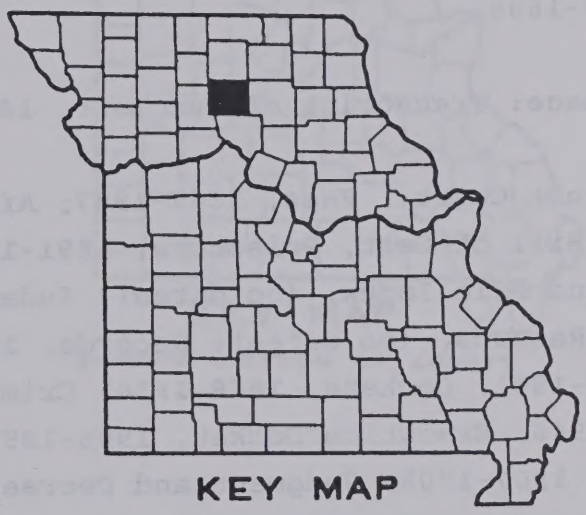
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1819-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Administrators Accounts, 1845-1887; Bonds and Letters, 1821-1902; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1855-1888; Probate Records, 1820-1889; Settlements, 1875-1886; Wills, 1821-1916.

LINN COUNTY

Organized January 6, 1837, from Chariton County and named for Lewis F. Linn, United States senator. County seat: Linneus, 64653.

*Note: Linn County operated two courts; one was in Linneus and the other was in Brookfield.



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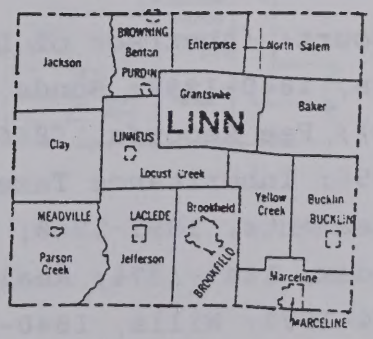


LINN COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Deeds, 1837-1890; Index to Deeds, 1836-1887; Marriages, 1842-1917; Marriage License Register, 1881-1925.

Court of Common Pleas: Court Fees, 1879-1885; Court Records, 1867-1884.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1887; Record of Births, 1883-1888; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1888.

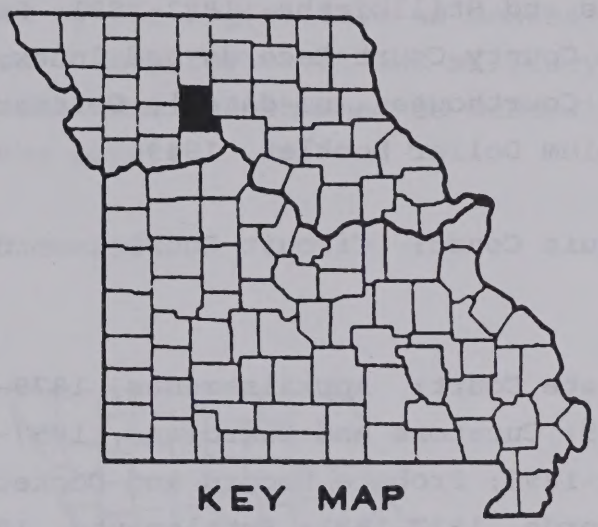
Justice of the Peace: Transcript of Judgment, 1886-1930.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Fees, 1867-1987; Affadavits, 1872-1873, 1910-1927; Bill of Cost, Prisoners, 1891-1897; Cash Book, 1935-1970; Case and File Index, (no dates); Index to Papers, (no dates); Index to Records, (no dates); Records, 1837-1976; Transcripts, 1867-1881; Dockets, 1866-1934; Criminal Fee Book, 1903-1911, 1923-1946; Execution Docket, 1905-1951; Hunters License Register, 1907-1908; Judgment and Decree Dockets, 1858-1976; Judgment Records, 1869-1871, 1883-1884, 1918-1968; Jurors, 1890-1931; Mechanics Liens, 1871-1983; Minutes, 1866-1977; Naturalizations, 1907-1929; Subpoenas, 1877-1972; Witness Record, 1883-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Demands, 1901-1946; Administrator's Letters, 1840-1897; Bonds and Letters, 1910-1971; Descendants, (no dates); Fee Records, 1866-1870, 1905-1926; Guardianships, 1896-1956; Inheritance Taxes, 1931-1969; Inventories and Appraisements, 1891-1968; Notices, 1908-1955; Probate Records and Index, 1849-1974; Real Estate Orders, 1972-1975; Settlements, 1884-1977; Wills, 1840-1986.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Organized January 6, 1837, from Carroll County and named for Edward Livingston, Secretary of State. County seat: Chillicothe, 64601.



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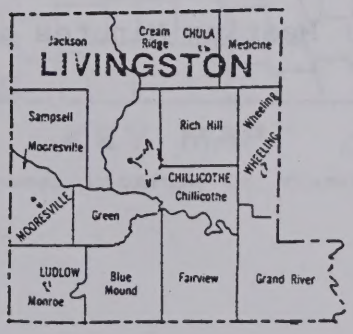


LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Deeds, 1837-1895; Index to Deeds, 1837-1895; Marriages and Index, 1837-1915.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1891; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1891; Register of Deaths,1883-1890; County Court Records and Index, 1837-1991; History of County Courthouse, (no dates); Obituaries, 1950-1989; Plats, 1837; Premium Dollar Booklet, 1949.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1837-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Appraisements, 1879-1903; Bonds and Letters, 1863-1909; Curators and Guardians, 1857-1866; Inventories, 1867-1893; Probate Record and Docket Index, 1869-1915; Probate Records, 1837-1891; Settlements, 1860-1890; Wills, 1837-1925.

County Surveyor: Surveyor Records, 1873.

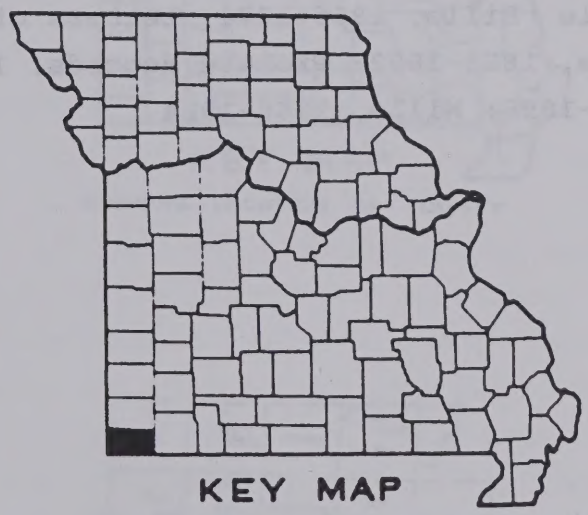
Chillicothe/City Clerk: Meeting Minutes and Ordinances, 1890-1993.

MCDONALD COUNTY

Organized March 3, 1849, from Newton County and named for Alexander McDonald, Revolutionary War soldier. County seat: Pineville, 64856.

Originally defined by the Legislature as Seneca County and attached to Newton County for civil and military purposes on January 1, 1847, the name was changed to McDonald upon formal organization of the county.

Courthouse burned in 1863.



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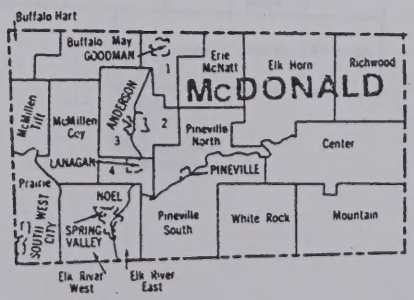

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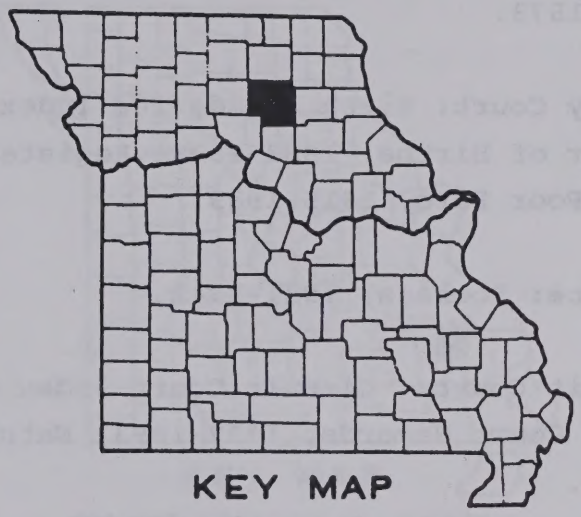
Clerk of the County Court: Births, 1883-1887; Register of Births, 1884; State Census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1855-1961.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Bonds, 1866-1894; Inventories, Appraisals and Sale Bills, 1866-1874; Letters of Administration, 1866-1913, Minutes, 1873-1892; Probate Records, 1865-1893, 1950; Settlements, 1870-1895; Wills, 1866-1924.

MACON COUNTY

Organized January 6, 1837, from Chariton and Randolph counties and named for Nathaniel Macon, revolutionary soldier and North Carolina congressman. County seat: Macon, 63552.



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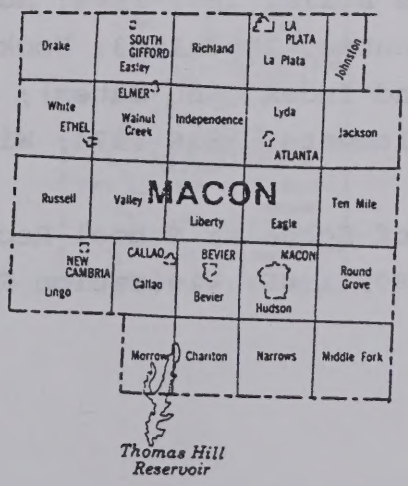

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Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Common Pleas Index, 1847-1873.

Clerk of the County Court: Birth Affidavits Index, 1870-1891, 1942-1949; Register of Births, 1883-1893; Register of Deaths, 1883-1893; County Poor Farm, 1915-1939.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1931-1942.

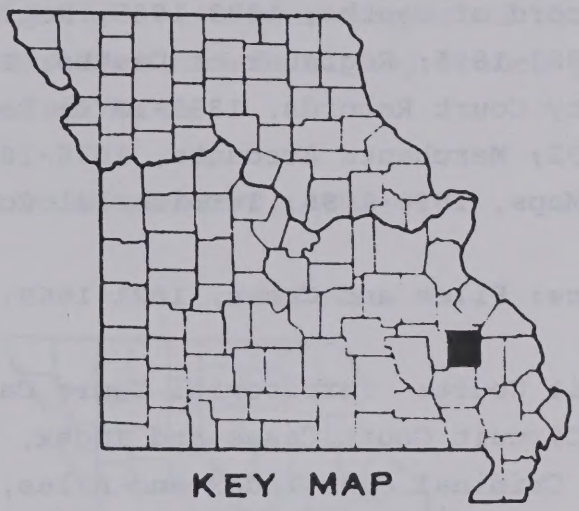
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index to Judgments, 1856-1990; Circuit Court Records, 1837-1893; Naturalization Records, 1885-1954.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Demands, 1914-1975; Bonds, 1855-1955; Decedents, 1904-1913; Fees, 1870-1985; Inheritance Tax, 1847-1870, 1928-1969; Inventories, Appraisements, and Sale Bills, 1849-1966; Notices, 1877-1957; Letters, 1838-1974; Minutes, 1847-1943; Docket, 1859-1955; Probate Estate Files and Index, (no dates); Probate Records and Index, 1852-1975; Settlements, 1836-1974; Wills, 1838-1975.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Records, 1883-1928; Teacher's Institute, 1901-1905; Visitation Records, 1911-1924, 1939-1959.

MADISON COUNTY

Organized December 14, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from Cape Girardeau and Ste. Genevieve counties and named for James Madison, U.S. President. County seat: Fredericktown, 63645.



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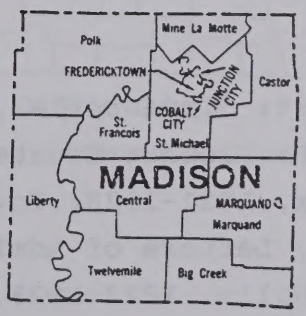

MADISON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to deeds, 1819-1891; Deeds, 1819-1995; Marriages, 1821-1922; Military Records, 1920-1921.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1898; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1885; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1895; Register of Deaths, 1883-1892; State Census, 1876; County Court Records, 1889-1978; Register of Attorneys, 1855-1992; Merchants Accounts, 1836-1840; Minute Book, 1889-1986; County Maps, 1890-1995; Territorial Court, 1819-1821.

Justice of the Peace: Files and Cases, 1821-1869.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Territorial Court Case Index and Files, 1810-1820; Circuit Court Cases and Index, Slaves and Free Blacks, 1820-1868; Criminal Case Index and Files, 1821-1869; Circuit Cases Index and Files, 1821-1857; Dockets, 1821-1869; Mine La Motte Case Files and Index, 1826-1918; Circuit Court Index and Records, 1845-1953; Divorce Records, 1882; Grand Jury, 1821-1869; Naturalizations, 1820-1970; Petitions for Partition, 1832-1869.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Inventories, 1873-1879; Letters of Administration, 1858-1910; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Records and Index, 1821-1928; Inventories and Appraisements, 1873-1948; Letters of Administration, 1821-1910; Settlements, 1848-1936; Wills, 1822-1923.

County Coroner: Inquests, 1821-1890.

MARIES COUNTY

Organized March 2, 1855, from Osage and Pulaski counties and named for the Maries river. County seat: Vienna, 65582.

Maries is probably a corruption of the French **'marias'** meaning 'marsh, swamp'. The Maries River, like the upper reaches of the Osage River was once said to be called **Le Marias de Cygnes** or 'Marsh of Swans'. It has also been suggested that the Big and Little Maries rivers were named for two French girls and that the name is the plural of Marie.

Courthouse burned on November 6, 1868.

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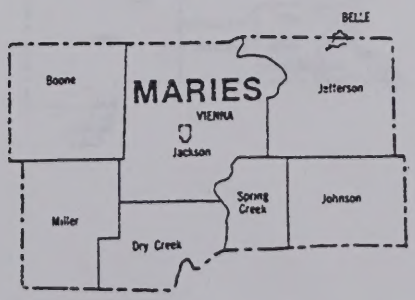


MARIES COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1855-1886; Deeds, 1860-1889; Marriages, 1881-1921.

Clerk of the County Court: Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1884; Register of Deaths, 1883.

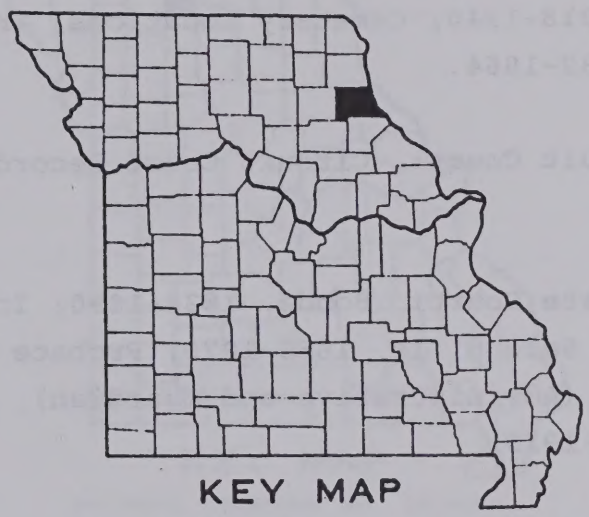
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1868-1894.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, (no dates); Probate Records, 1866-1886; Bonds, 1880-1913; Executor Record, 1871-1881; Inventories (minor estates) 1909-1910; Inventories and Appraisals,1874-1893; Letters, 1869-1956; Settlements, 1879-1888; Wills, 1866-1940.

MARION COUNTY

Organized December 23, 1826, from Ralls County and named for Francis Marion, Revolutionary War hero. County seat: Palmyra, 63461.

*Note: Marion County maintained two courthouses; one in Hannibal and the other in Palmyra.



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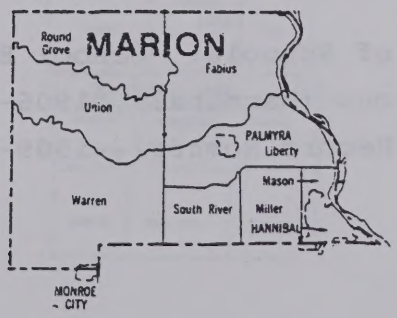


MARION COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1827-1898; Deeds, 1827-1902; Marriages, 1827-1888; Military Records, 1877-1878.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Stillbirths, 1885-1887, 1927-1930; Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1889, 1927-1930; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1889, 1927-1930; Register of Births, 1883-1889, 1927-1930; Register of Deaths, 1883-1889, 1927-1930; Register of Stillbirths, 1883-1886; Birth Register Cards, 1918-1940; Cemetery Locations, (no dates); Free Negro Records, 1832-1864.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1827-1890.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Bonds, 1834-1850; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1855-1870; Probate Records,1828-1888; Settlements (Administrative and Guardian), 1845-1860; Wills and Letters, 1827-1919.

County Assessor: Assessments, 1827-1886.

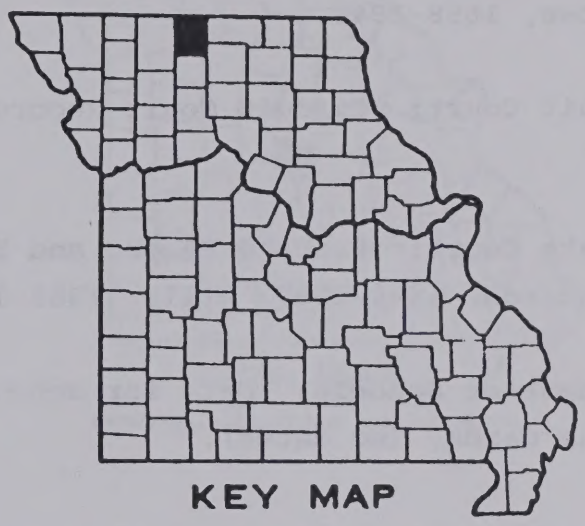
County Library/Hannibal: Annual Reports and Board Minutes, 1889-1992.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Enumerations, 1885-1954; School Enumerations (Hannibal), 1906-1956; School Enumerations (Teacher Record Roster), 1909-1964.

MERCER COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Grundy County and named for John F. Mercer, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Princeton, 64673.

Courthouse burned on March 24, 1898.



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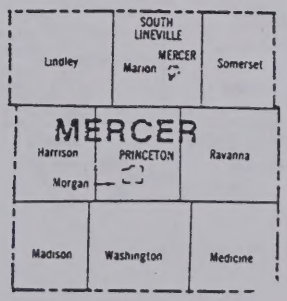

MERCER COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1846-1981; Deeds, 1846-1994; Index to Marriages, 1898-1933; Marriages, 1898-1924; Marriage License Applications, 1898-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1894; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1894; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1894; County Court Records, 1852-1949; County Court Minutes, 1858-1948.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1868-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record and Estate Index, (no dates); Probate Records, 1849-1887; Wills, 1853-1934.

County Superintendent of Schools: Data for School Census, 1956-1961; School Census Cards, (no dates).

MILLER COUNTY

Organized February 6, 1837, from Cole and Pulaski counties and named for John Miller, governor of Missouri. County seat: Tuscumbia, 65082.

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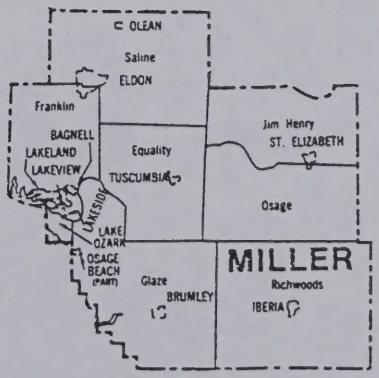

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Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births,1883-1891; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1889; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1891; Register of Deaths, 1883-1889; Commissions, 1838-1879; County Court Minutes, 1887-1985; County Court Records, 1837-1949; Health Certificates,1883-1914; Marks and Brands, 1837-1971; Physicians and Surgeons Register, 1883-1915.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1837-1888; Naturalization Records, 1909-1929.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1865-1939; Bonds, 1837-1902; Guardian and Curator, 1895-1902; Inventories, 1855-1865; Inventories and Appraisements, 1917-1981; Letters of Administration, 1837-1886; Minors and Insane, 1917-1955; Notices, 1868-1885; Notice of Publication, 1923-1932; Probate Minutes, 1869-1981; Probate Records, 1837-1980; Settlements, 1849-1987; Wills, 1840-1980.

County Coroner: Inquests, 1891-1973.

County Superintendent of Schools: Board Minutes (Eldon R-I), 1944-1992.

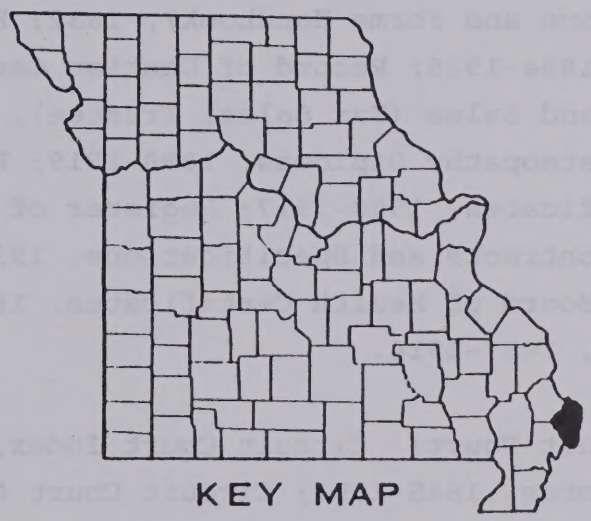
County Surveyor: Surveyor Records (Miscellaneous), (no dates); Surveyor Records, 1855-1860.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Scott County and named for the Mississippi River. County seat: Charleston, 63834.

Mississippi is derived from the Algonquin Indian words: **missi** meaning 'great' and **seepee** meaning 'water'.

Courthouse burned in 1891 and again on February 10, 1997.



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Clerk of the County Court: County Court Records and Index, 1867-1992; Board of Equalization, 1894-1992; Conveyance of Right of Way, 1929-1934; County Court Minutes, 1845-1981; Ditch Record Books and Indexes, 1899-1923; Notary Commission and Bond Record, 1953-1988; Physicians and Surgeons Filings, 1874-1896; Post Office (Instructions and Forms Handbook), 1832; Record of Bonds and Commissions, 1894-1918; Record of Dentist Certificates, 1897-1959; Record of Land Sales (Tax Sales, Trustee), 1935-1971, 1940-1954; Record of Osteopathy Diplomas, 1898-1919; Record of Pharmacists Certificates, 1900-1917; Register of School bonds, 1900-1912; Road Contracts and Specifications, 1930; Road Records, 1887-1919; State Board of Health Certificates, 1899-1966; Swampland Patents, 1857-1914.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1845-1926; Circuit Court Records, 1845-1951; Circuit Court Case Files and Index, 1847-1880.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Index, (no dates); Probate Record Index, 1845-1872; Probate Records, 1845-1985; Abstract of Allowances, 1926-1963; Bonds and Letters, 1945-1970; Claims, 1846-1870; Claims Docket, 1893-1919; Executions, 1856-1857, 1872-1899; Guardians and Curators, 1887-1935; Inheritance Tax, 1921-1924; Inventories and Appraisements, 1859-1970; Mentally Ill Records, 1955-1976; Motion Docket, 1894-1902; Notices, 1867-1871; Orders of Publication, 1893-1956; Probate Estate Files and Index, 1848-1977; Probate Fee Book, 1952-1954; Probate Judge Docket, 1956-1978; Probate Minutes, 1877-1988; Probate Register, 1956-1988; Settlements, 1847-1970; Wills, 1852-1970.

County Assessor: Erroneous Assessment Records, 1945-1983.

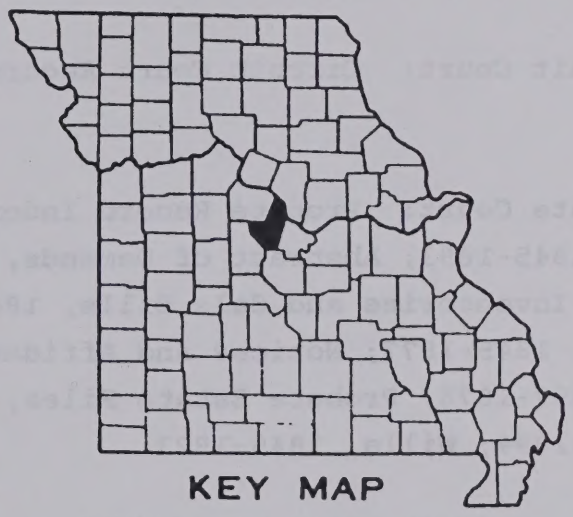
County Coroner: Coroner Inquest Files, 1872-1993.

County Superintendent of Schools: Miscellaneous School Districts, 1897; School Enumerations, 1923-1962; Grade Book Examinations, 1901-1909.

MONITEAU COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Cole and Morgan counties and named for Moniteau Creek. County seat: California, 65018.

The name Moniteau is the French spelling of the Indian word meaning 'spirit of God'. It has been said that the creek was named by the Indians for the painted figure of a man 'spirit of God', that was on a rock at the mouth.



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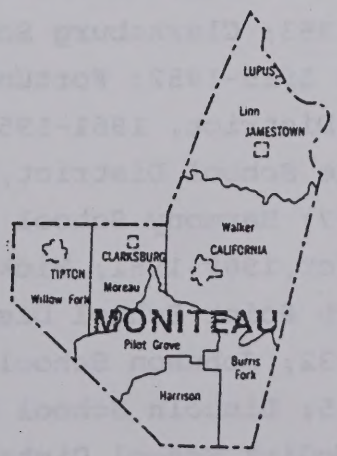


MONITEAU COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1845-1882; Deeds, 1845-1887; Marriages, 1845-1917; Negro Marriages, 1865-1891.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1887; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1894; State Census, 1876; Federal Census (Slave, Free and Agriculture), 1850.

Justice of the Peace: Docket Books, 1870-1956.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1845-1898.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1845-1959; Probate Records, 1845-1893; Abstract of Demands, 1866-1911; Bonds, 1845-1897; Inventories and Sale Bills, 1844-1885; Letters of Administration, 1845-1877; Notices and Affidavits, 1864-1875; Probate Docket, 1857-1876; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Settlements, 1845-1894; Wills, 1845-1923.

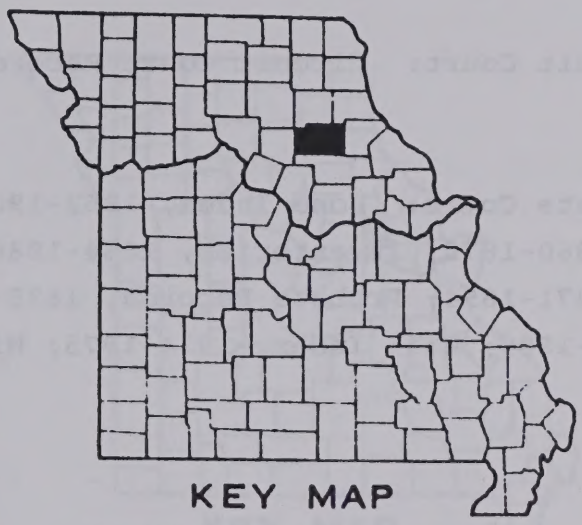
County Superintendent of Schools: Assessment Book, 1927-1946; Board of Education, 1866-1870; Enumeration Records,1952-1969; Pupil Register, 1915-1948; Pupil Registration, (no dates); School Records, (no dates); Brick School District, 1941; California School District, 1937, 1953; Clarksburg School District, 1949; Coffman School District, 1915-1952; Fortuna School District, 1951-1953; Grant School District, 1951-1952; Green Grove School District, 1903-1926; Hale School District, 1951-1952; Harlan School District,1911-1937; Harmony School District, 1909-1944; Hazel Dell School District,1909-1951; Hickory Grove School District, 1951-1953; High Point School District, 1951; Hummon School District, 1926-1932; Johnson School District, 1941; Latham School District,1906-1945; Lincoln School District,1951; Mason School District, 1941; McGirk School District,1941; Norman School

District, 1941; Oak Dale School District, 1909-1946; Oak Grove School District, 1902-1909; Oak Hill School District, 1878-1940; Pilot Grove School District, 1943-1947; Pleasant Hill School District, 1915-1951; Pluck School District, 1941; Prairie Union School District, 1943-1951; Red Brush School District,1951-1952; Rock Island School District, 1941; St. Paul's Lutheran School, 1951-1952; Sappington School District,1941; Sunnyside School District, 1941; West View School District, 1951-1953; Willow Fork School District, 1925-1932.

MONROE COUNTY

Organized January 6, 1831, from Ralls County and named for James Monroe. County seat: Paris, 65275.

Courthouse burned in December 1861.



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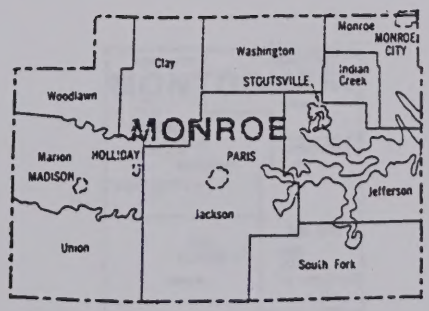


MONROE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1831-1889; Deeds, 1831-1983; Marriages, 1831-1918; Negro Marriages, 1865-1881.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1885; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1885; Register of Births, 1883-1885; Register of Deaths, 1883-1885.

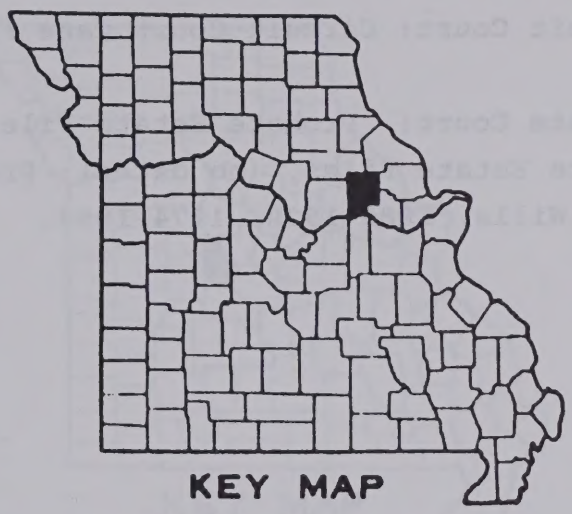
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1831-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Bond Index, 1852-1903; Bonds and Administrators, 1860-1870; Inventories, 1854-1888; Letters of Administration, 1871-1894; Probate Records, 1835-1887; Settlements, 1832-1889; Will Index, 1834-1975; Wills, 1832-1927.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Organized December 14, 1818 (effective January 1, 1819) from St. Charles County and named for Richard Montgomery, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Montgomery City, 63361.

Courthouse burned in 1864 and on April 12, 1901.



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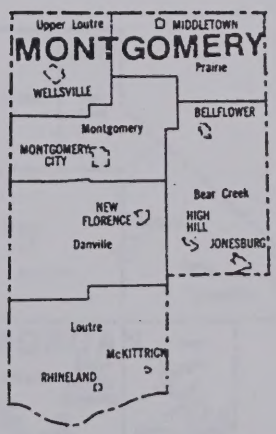

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Clerk of the County Court: State Census, 1876; County Ward Book, 1905-1916.

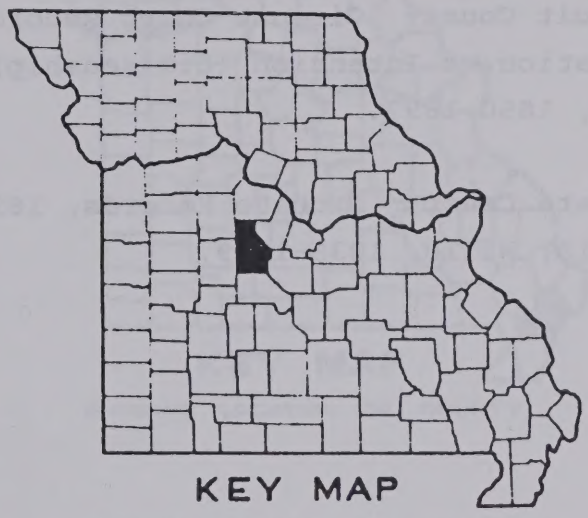
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Case Files, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Estate File Index-Printed, (no dates); Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Record Index, 1889-1900; Wills, 1889-1922, 1974-1992.

MORGAN COUNTY

Organized January 5, 1833, from Cooper County and named for Daniel Morgan, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Versailles, 65084.

Courthouse burned March 12, 1887.



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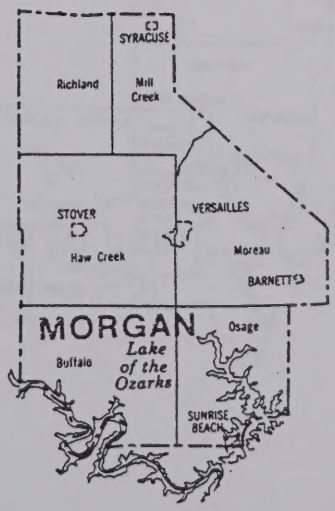

MORGAN COUNTY

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Clerk of the County Court: Atlas, 1905; Births, 1841-1863; Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1886; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1886.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1833-1844, 1857-1867; Declaration of Intention (Citizenship), 1873-1891; Transcript Record, 1850-1897.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records, 1834-1889; Record of Heirs, 1873-1918; Wills, 1835-1919.

NEW MADRID COUNTY

Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties and named for Madrid, Spain. County seat: New Madrid, 63869.

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Clerk of the County Court: Territorial Census, 1797; County Court Records, 1816-1869; Territorial Records and Index, 1791-1804; Cotton Ginned, Federal Farm Program, 1939.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1805-1953.

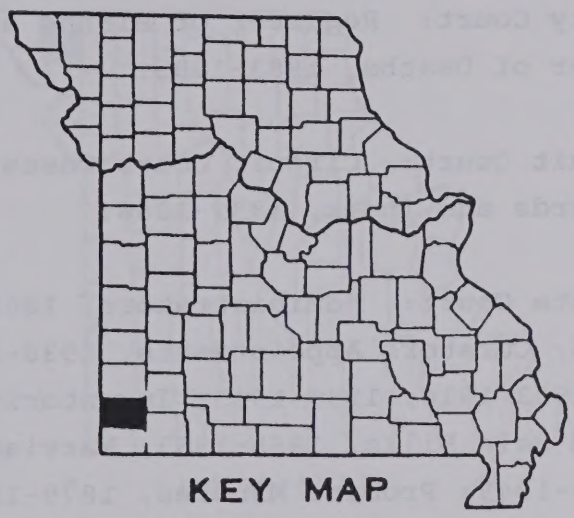
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1807-1940; Probate Records, 1832-1939; Bonds, 1860-1940; Inventories Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1856-1957; Notices, 1871-1903; Pension Applications, 1927-1951; Probate Packets, 1800-1883; Settlements, 1846-1940; Wills, 1832-1938.

Public School District: Gideon, Board Minutes, 1940-1991.

NEWTON COUNTY

Organized December 31, 1838, from Barry County and named for John Newton, a Revolutionary War soldier. County seat: Neosho, 64850.

Courthouse burned in 1862.



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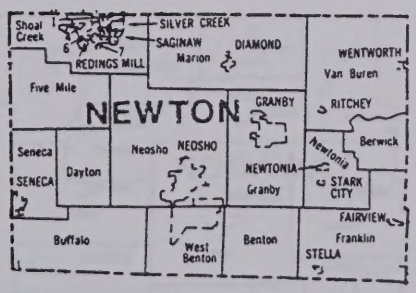

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Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1885; Register of Deaths, 1883-1885.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Cases, (no dates); Circuit Court Records and Index, 1839-1886.

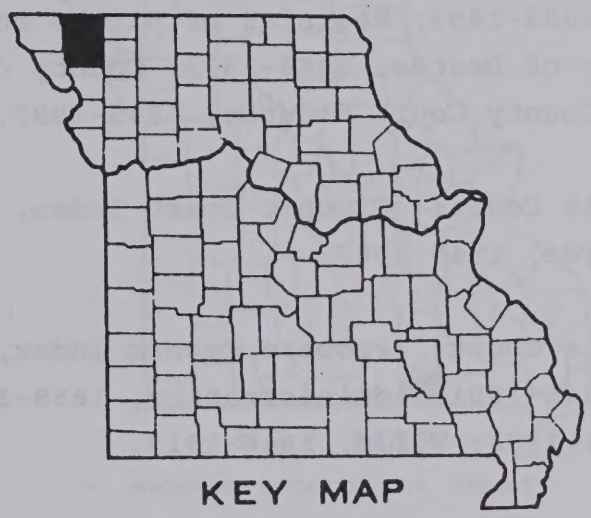
Clerk of the Probate Court: Administrators, 1868-1876; Bonds and Letters, 1839-1956; Curators Appointments, 1930-1956; Demands, 1873-1960; Fees, 1903-1916, 1939-1943; Inventories, Appraisements, and Sale Bills, 1868-1963; Marriages, Guardianship, 1879-1949; Probate Minutes, 1879-1881; Probate Records and Index, 1847-1890; Proof of Publication, 1867-1955; Settlements, 1876-1957; Wills, 1872-1920.

Neosho/City Council: Board of Aldermen Proceedings, 1866-1898.

NODAWAY COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Andrew County and named for the Nodaway River. County seat: Maryville, 64468.

Nodaway is a Potawatomi Indian word meaning 'placid'. 'Jump over the river' has also been suggested as the meaning.



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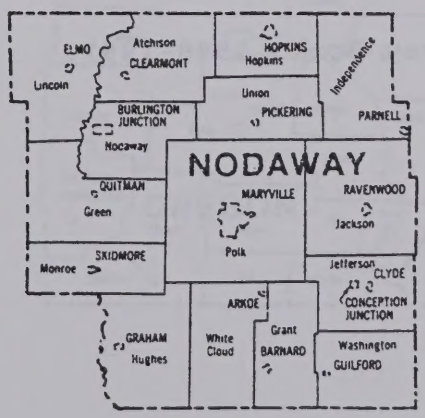


NODAWAY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, Mortgages, and Trusts, 1871-1990; Deeds, 1840-1995; Durable Power of Attorney, 1983-1991; Marriages and Index, 1845-1992; Military Discharge Book, 1865-1992; Selective Service Record, 1940-1946.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1886-1931; Permanent Record of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1931; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1889; Register of Deaths, 1883-1893; County Court Minute Index, 1845-1991; County Court Minutes, 1845-1992.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1845-1897; Circuit Court Records, 1846-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1845-1889; Probate Records, 1845-1891; Administration, 1858-1864; Appraisements, 1871-1888; Wills, 1846-1919.

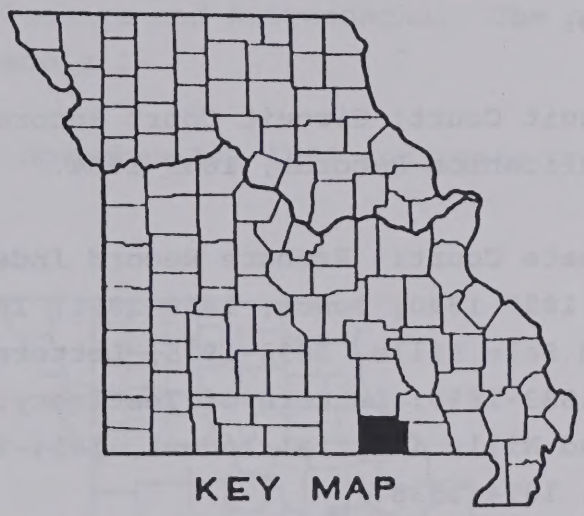
Public School District/Maryville: Attendance Records/Rural Schools, 1896-1917; Audits, 1929-1975; Board Minutes, 1955-1986; Enumerations, 1883-1975; Permanent Grade Records, 1903-1920; Teacher Contracts, 1871-1975.

County Surveyor: Survey Book, 1988-1991.

OREGON COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Ripley County and named for the Territory of Oregon. County seat: Alton, 65606.

Courthouse burned October 1863, during the Civil War.



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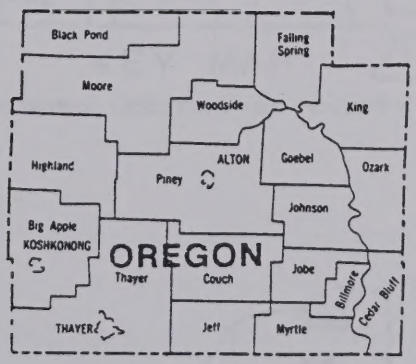


OREGON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1845-1898; Deeds, 1845-1898; Marriages and Index, 1845-1924; Marriage Register, 1892-1916; Patents, 1887-1909.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1887; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1890; Register of Deaths, 1883-1889.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1845-1889; Naturalization Records, 1889-1904.

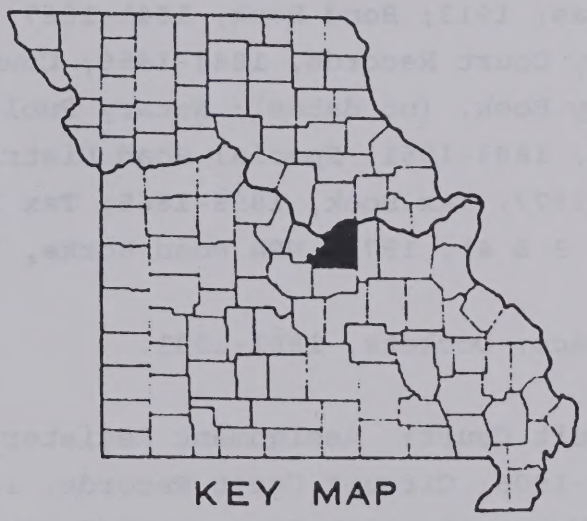
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, (no dates); Probate Records, 1857-1890; Bonds, 1868-1891; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1893-1935; Letters of Administration, 1883-1890; Letters of Testimony, 1875-1892; Letters, Bonds and Wills (Partial Index), 1854-1873; Settlements, 1873-1892; Wills, 1874-1938.

OSAGE COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Gasconade County and named for the Osage River. County seat: Linn, 65051.

The name Osage is generally believed to be a corruption by the French of Washazhe, the name of the Osage Indians. The name has also been given as Wawsashe, Wacase, and Wassashsha. Marquette spelled the name Ouchage and Autrechacha. The name, to the Indians, meant 'people'.

Courthouse burned November 14, 1880 and again on October 30, 1922.



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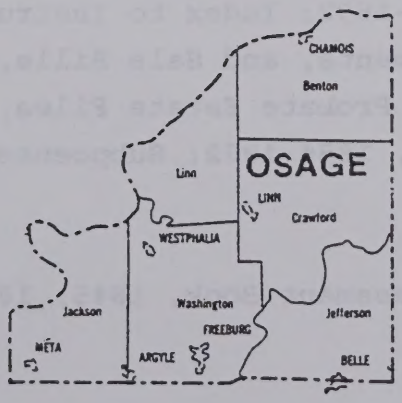

OSAGE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1841-1886; Deeds, 1841-1932; Boundary Map (Osage and Callaway Counties),1869; Civil War Pension Claims, 1921; Discharge, U. S. Army, 1919; Land List, 1844; Land Patents, 1830-1870; Marriages, 1841-1923; Military Bounty Book, 1864-1866; Original Land Purchasers, 1858; Plat of Chamois, Mo., 1900; Plat of Linn, Mo., 1880; Soldiers Record (WW-I), 1917-1918; Veterans Book (WW-I), 1919.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1895; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1898; Register of Deaths, 1883-1894; State Census, 1876; Atlas, 1913; Bond Book, 1841-1867; Commission Book, (no dates); County Court Records, 1841-1856; County Ward Book, (no dates); Estray Book, (no dates); Notary Public Book, 1901; Poor Farm Records, 1883-1951; Special Road District, 1931-1952; Stray Book, 1841-1877; Tax Book, 1856-1865; Tax List, 1844; Water Supply (Districts 3 & 4), 1972; WPA Road Works, 1929-1943.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1881-1931.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Assignment Register, 1893; Circuit Court Index, 1841-1905; Circuit Court Records, 1841-1890; Docket Book, 1841-1844; Naturalization Papers, 1867-1943; Naturalizations, 1841-1856; Witness Attendance Record, 1841-1859.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1841-1918; Probate Records, 1841-1892; Index to Instruments, 1898-1978; Inventories, Appraisements, and Sale Bills, 1870-1898; Letters and Bonds, 1891-1923; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Settlements and Index, 1854-1972; Subpoenas, 1883-1887; Wills, 1841-1956.

County Assessor: Assessment Book, 1845, 1854, 1858.

County Superintendent of Schools: Common School Report, 1865; Enumeration Folders, 1913-1976; List of Teachers, 1957-1958; Model School Register, 1903-1943; Official Board of Education, Possumtown District, 1935-1938; Register of School Fund Loaned, 1919-1940; School Records by District, 1872-1958; School District Plat, (no dates).

OZARK COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Taney County and named for the Ozark Mountains. County seat: Gainesville, 65655.

Ozark is the anglicized version of the French abbreviation 'aux arcs' for Aux Arkansas meaning 'in the county of the Arkansas'.

Originally organized January 29, 1841, as Ozark County, the name was changed to Decatur by an act of the Legislature on February 22, 1843. On March 24, 1845, the name was changed back to Ozark.

Courthouse burned November 28, 1934 and again in January, 1937.

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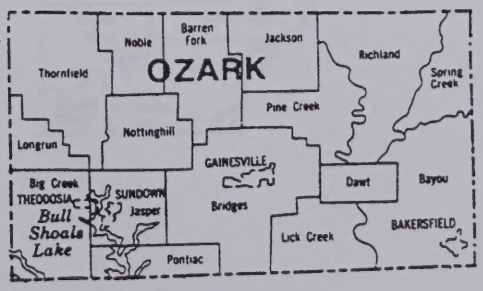


OZARK COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1859-1899; Deeds, 1858-1886; Marriages, 1858-1918.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1887; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1887-1889, Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1884-1890.

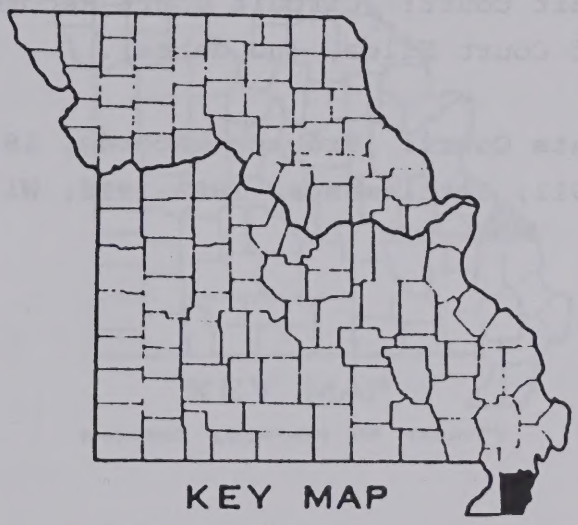
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1858-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1865-1909; Inventories, 1872-1896; Letters, 1872-1914; Wills, 1904-1941.

PEMISCOT COUNTY

Organized February 19, 1851, from New Madrid County and named for the Indian word meaning 'liquid mud'. County seat: Caruthersville, 63830.

Courthouse burned December 2, 1882.



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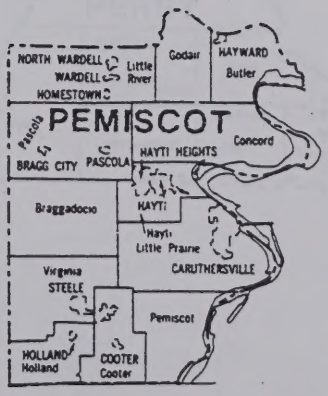


PEMISCOT COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1833-1902; Deeds, 1881-1904; Marriages, 1882-1953; Military Service Record, 1918-1919; Veterans of WW-I, (no dates).

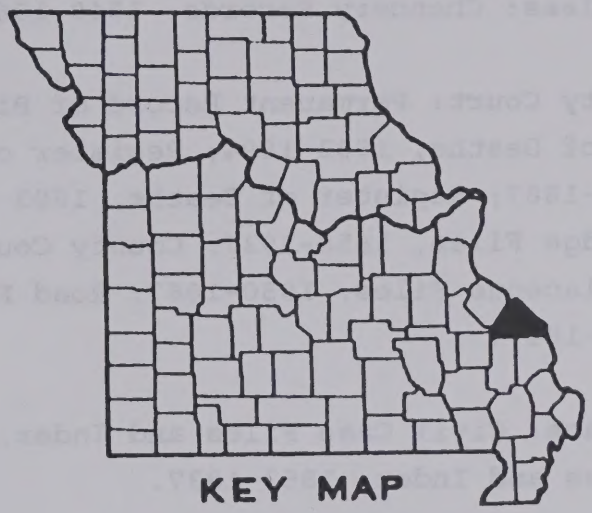
Clerk of the County Court: Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1884; Soldiers Discharge Record (WWI), 1917-1918.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1853-1952; Circuit Court Files, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records, 1882-1897; Oaths and Bonds, 1883-1911; Settlements, 1883-1918; Wills, 1865-1928.

PERRY COUNTY

Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Ste. Genevieve County and named for Oliver H. Perry, naval hero of the War of 1812. County seat: Perryville, 63775.



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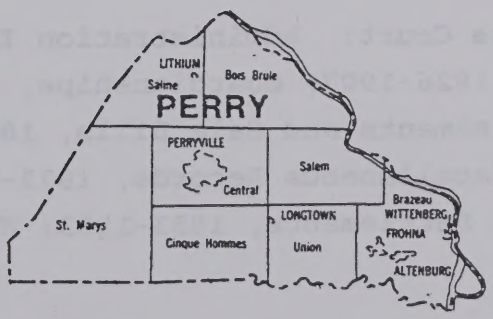


PERRY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1821-1902; Deeds, 1821-1907; Index to Marriages, 1830-1950; Marriages, 1830-1976; Abstract of Original Land, 1832-1894; Soldiers Discharge Records, 1919-1950.

Court of Common Pleas: Chancery Records, 1840-1860.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1894; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1894; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1887; Register of Deaths, 1883-1893; State Census, 1876; Bridge Files, 1850-1937; County Court Transcripts, 1841-1981; Miscellaneous Files, 1850-1867; Road Files, 1840-1988; Tax Records, 1828-1847.

Justice of the Peace: Civil Case Files and Index, 1821-1946; Criminal Case Files and Index, 1853-1937.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1821-1960; Application of Aliens, 1859-1905; Naturalization Records, 1893-1926.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Administration Index, 1812-1977; Bonds and Letters, 1826-1907; Guardianships, 1821-1873; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1855-1933; Minute Book, 1880-1884; Miscellaneous Records, 1873-1880; Probate Records, 1821-1933; Settlements, 1833-1933; Wills and Index, 1821-1954.

County Assessor/Collector: Abstract of Current Taxes Collected, 1913-1914; Assessor's Books, 1865; Back Taxes, 1982-1986; Delinquent Personal and Real Estate Taxes, 1994; Land Assessment Taxes, 1873-1993; Miscellaneous Taxes, 1896-1906, 1934-1984; Personal Back Taxes at Audit, 1982-1989; Personal Property Taxes, 1895-1994; Real Estate Back Taxes, 1985-1989; Real Estate Taxes,

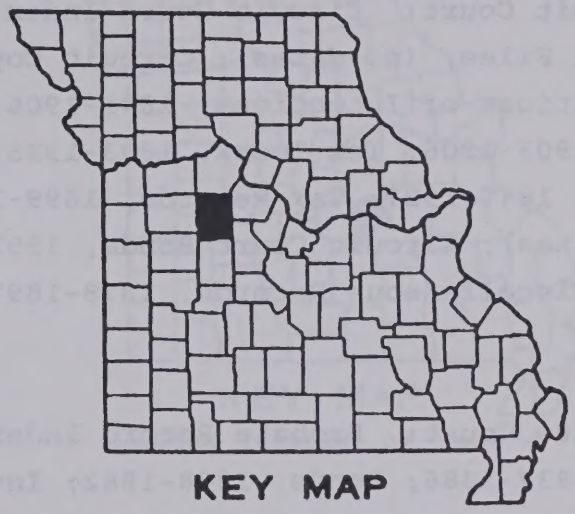
1994.

County Coroner: Coroner's Inquests and Index, 1858-1906.

PETTIS COUNTY

Organized January 26, 1833, from Cooper and Saline counties and named for Spencer Pettis, Missouri congressman. County seat: Sedalia, 65301.

Courthouse burned June 16, 1920.



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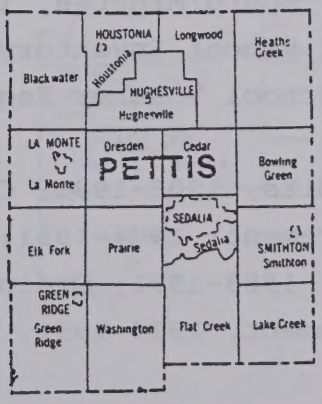


PETTIS COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1833-1885; Deeds, 1833-1888; Index to Marriages, 1833-1994; Marriages, 1833-1968; Negro Marriages, 1865-1874.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1885.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1838-1936; Circuit Court Case Files, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1833-1954; Declarations of Intentions, 1891-1906; Naturalizations, 1903-1906; Tax Index, 1893-1935; Judgment of Execution Dockets, 1847-1927; Tax Records, 1899-1935; Abstract of Executions, (no dates); Circuit Court Bonds, 1953-1974; Civil Fees, 1847-1864; Miscellaneous Records, 1878-1897; Tax Dockets, 1899-1935.

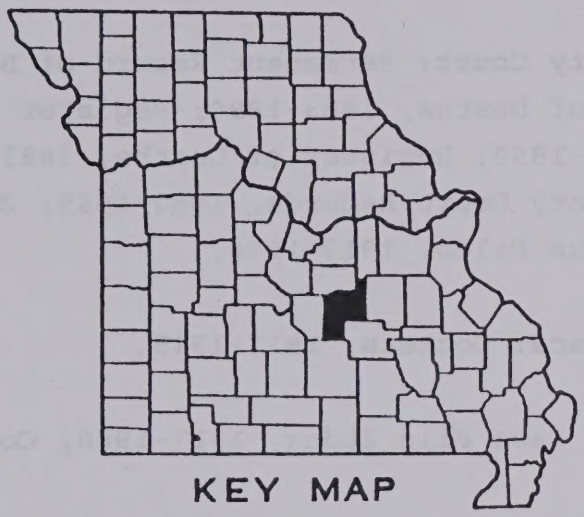
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1834-1899; Probate Records, 1837-1886; Bonds, 1868-1882; Inventories and Appraisements, Settlements and Sale Bills, 1868-1886; Letters of Administration, 1833-1864; Probate Estate File Index, 1846-1934; Wills, 1835-1921.

Public School District: Board Minutes, 1948-1981; School Enumerations, 1894-1920; School Inventory Books, 1920-1921; School Register, 1919; School Voucher Register, 1920-1966.

Sedalia/City Clerk: Audits, 1908-1991; Council Proceedings, 1867-1992; Fireman Retirement; 1974-1991; General Ledgers, 1928-1990; Investment Review, 1983-1991; Ordinances and Resolutions, 1867-1986; Police Retirement, 1939-1991.

PHELPS COUNTY

Organized November 13, 1857, from Crawford County and named for John F. Phelps, Congressman and later Governor of Missouri. County seat: Rolla, 65401.



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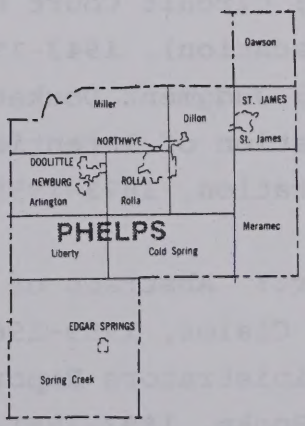


PHELPS COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1857-1981; Deeds, 1857-1991; Lease Records, 1907-1959; Miscellaneous Records, 1867-1965; Discharged Veterans Index, (no dates); Index to Marriages, (no dates); Marriages, 1857-1987; Patent Record, 1908-1926; Service Discharge Records, 1907-1982.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1890; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1890; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1890; Register of Deaths, 1883-1890; State Census, 1876; County Court Records, 1857-1965; County Journal, 1958; Miscellaneous Files, 1913-1944.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1911-1945.

Magistrate Court: Case File Index, 1917-1980; Court Records and Index, 1947-1981.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court File Index, 1952-1981; Circuit Court Index, (no dates); Criminal Case Index, 1975-1978; Sales Tax Lien Index, (no dates); Tax Lien Index, 1964-1988; Bail Bond Records, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1857-1922; Circuit Court Records (Vacation), 1943-1988; Dockets, 1917-1992; Federal Lien, (no dates); Judgment Docket, (no dates); Mechanics Lien, (no dates); Declaration of Intention, 1975-1983; Naturalization and Immigration, 1873-1955.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Demands, 1865-1950; Abstract of Judgment and Claims, 1959-1960; Administrators Accounts, 1865-1882; Administrators Reports, 1927-1937; Bonds and Letters, 1858-1981; Fee Books, 1893-1981; General Indexes, (no dates); Inheritance Tax, 1874-1981; Inventories and Appraisements, 1867-1981; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Minutes, 1867-1980; Probate Records and Index, 1858-1981; Record of Descendants, 1900-1910; Sale Bills, 1867-1953;

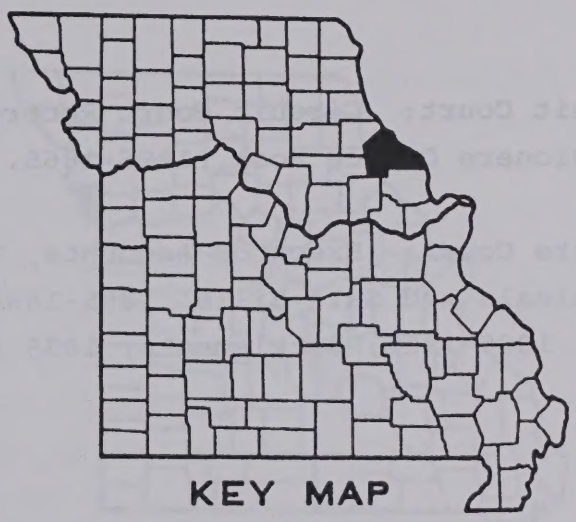
Settlements, 1874-1981; Wills, 1863-1981.

County Collector: Land Taxes, 1885-1886.

PIKE COUNTY

Organized December 14, 1818 (effective February 1, 1819) from St. Charles County and named for Zebulon Montgomery Pike, explorer.
County seat: Bowling Green, 63334.

Courthouse burned in March 1864 and again October 16, 1915.



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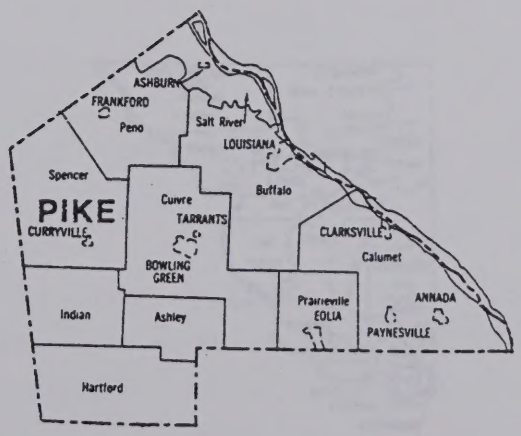


PIKE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1819-1889; Deeds, 1819-1888; Marriages, 1825-1916.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery Minutes, 1821-1837.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1884.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1819-1886; Commissioners Office Book, 1826-1865.

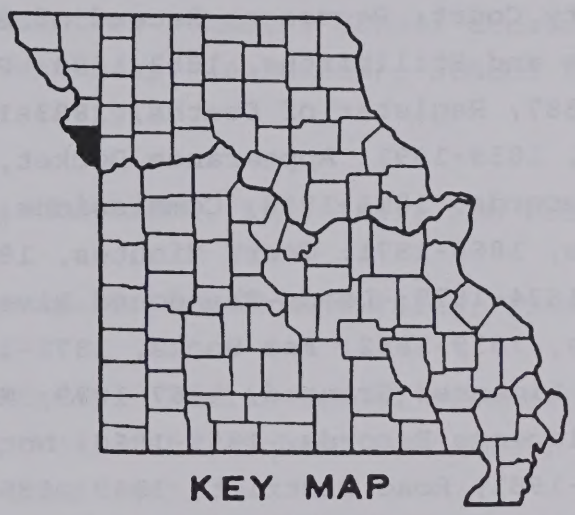
Clerk of the Probate Court: Executor Accounts, 1825-1837; Inventories, Appraisals and Sale Bills, 1855-1888; Probate Records and Index, 1825-1916; Settlements, 1835-1865; Wills, 1883-1923.

PLATTE COUNTY

Organized December 31, 1838, from the Platte Purchase and named for the Platte River. County seat: Platte City, 64079.

Platte is a French word meaning 'flat' or 'shallow'.

Courthouse was destroyed in December 1861.



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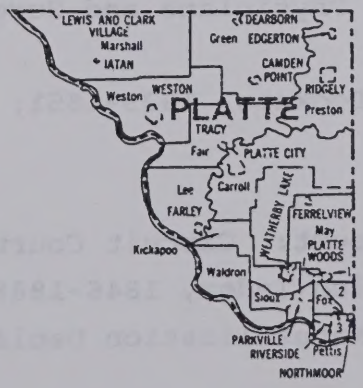


PLATTE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1839-1890; Deeds, 1839-1895, 1990-1995; Index to Marriages, 1839-1894; Marriages, 1839-1917; Marriage Applications, 1913-1919; Service List/World War I, 1919-1922; Service List/World War II, 1940.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Court of Common Pleas Records, 1876-1879.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1886; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1898; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1887; Register of Deaths, 1883-1888; County Court Records and Index, 1839-1991; Appearance Docket, 1841-1843; Board of Equalization Records, 1851-1995; Commissions, 1875-1884; County Court Cases, 1868-1871; Court Minutes, 1839-1853; Criminal Issuing Dockets, 1874-1875; Deeds—Abandoned River Beds, 1901-1974; Estray Books, 1839-1852; Fee Books, 1872-1902; Funding Bonds, 1860-1870; Licenses Granted, 1867-1879; Marks and Brands, 1841-1911; Miscellaneous Records, 1855-1860; Notary Bonds and Commissions, 1891-1981; Road District, 1849-1855; School Enumerations, 1927-1961; Stray Book, 1850-1862; Board of Dental Examinations, 1897-1916; Board of Health Cerfificates, 1880-1895; Eleemosynary State Hospital, 1877-1934; Osteopathy Register, 1904-1978; Register of Licenses, 1913-1977; Register of Nurses, 1921-1978; Register of Physicians and Surgeons, 1874-1886.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1839-1851; Oath of Office, 1845-1847.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1839-1887, 1930-1951; Naturalization Index, 1846-1886; Naturalizations, 1846-1886, 1905-1924; Naturalization Declarations, 1907-1926.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1839-1887; Appraisements, 1865-1891; Bonds and Letters, 1849-1869; Estate

Index (Minors), (no dates); Estate Index (Deceased), 1839-1936; Fee Book, 1846-1849; Inventories, 1852-1873; Letters of Administration, 1839-1845; Probate Docket, 1894; Probate Estate File Index (printed), (no dates); Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Settlements, 1872-1902; Wills, 1840-1933.

County Assessor: Assessments, 1849.

County Coroner: Coroner's Records, 1909-1945.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Census Cards, 1898-1960; School Census of Handicap, (no dates); School Enumerations, 1983; School Records, 1846-1958.

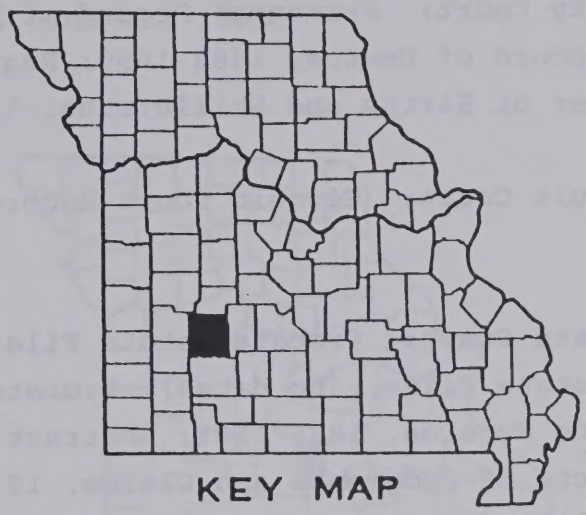
County Treasurer: Day Book, 1845-1849; Fee Book, 1847-1855.

Prosecuting Attorney: Criminal Case Files, 1986-1993.

Public School District: Public School Expenditures, 1868-1870; School Bond Book, 1841-1859; School Fund Book, 1852-1860; School Fund Executions, 1846-1867.

POLK COUNTY

Organized January 5, 1835, from Greene County and named for James K. Polk, U.S. President. County seat: Bolivar, 65613.



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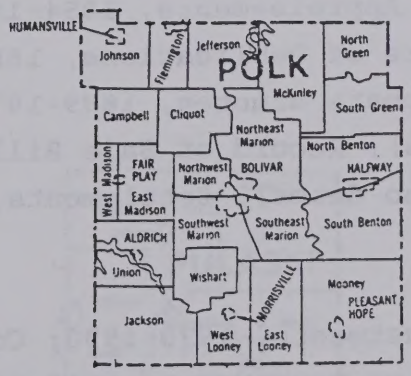

POLK COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1871-1887; Deeds, 1837-1905; Index to Marriages, 1836-1920; Marriages, 1836-1916; Soldiers Discharge, 1863-1933.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1891; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1890; Register of Births, 1872-1900; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1891.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1836-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Estate File Index, (no dates); Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Record Index, (no dates); Probate Records, 1835-1981; Abstract of Demands, 1872-1957; Abstracts of Judgments and Claims, 1975-1981; Affidavits of Publishers, 1875-1947; Bonds and Letters, 1837-1981; Clerks Docket, 1971-1975; Direct Inheritance Tax Record, (no dates); General Register, (no dates); Guardians and Curators, 1908-1981; Guardians and Curators Report (Money Laundered) 1895-1908; Inventories and Appraisements, 1854-1965; Notices, 1869-1879, 1907-1951; Orders of Publications, 1887-1920; Probate Docket, 1941-1981; Probate Minutes, 1889-1974; Record of Descendants, (no dates); Record of Sale Bills, 1886-1943; Retired Probate Case Files, (no dates); Settlements, 1869-1981; Wills, 1839-1981.

Bolivar: Board of Adjustments, 1970-1990; Council Meeting Agendas, 1973-1991; Fire Department, 1949-1982; City Council Minutes, 1881-1991; Ordinances, 1850-1991; City Cemetery Index, (no dates); Greenwood Cemetery Records, (no dates); Engineer Drawings, (no dates); Plat, 1977; Quadrangle Maps, (no dates); Street Improvements, 1982; Zoning Plats, 1980-1988.

PULASKI COUNTY

Organized January 19, 1833, from Crawford County and named for Casmir Pulaski, Polish general of the American Revolution. County seat: Waynesville, 65583.

Courthouse burned June 13, 1903.

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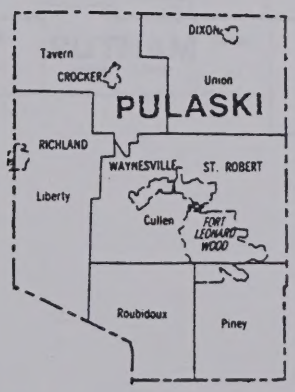


PULASKI COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Marriages, 1903-1911; Marriages, 1903-1919.

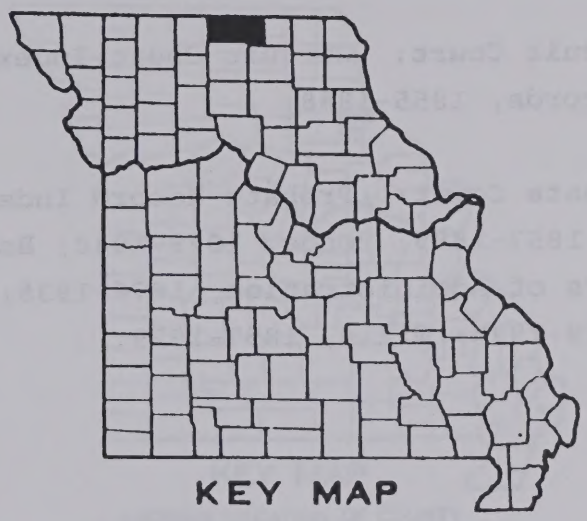
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1903-1915.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Administrators Record, 1868-1884; Applications and Letters, 1871-1902; Bonds, 1875-1898; Inventories, 1855-1877; Letters of Administration,1833-1852; Probate Records,1834-1859, 1878-1889; Proof of Publication, 1872-1899; Settlements, 1875-1889; Wills, 1833-1925.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Enumerations, 1932-1970.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Organized February 28, 1845, from Adair and Sullivan counties and named for Israel Putnam, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Unionville, 63565.



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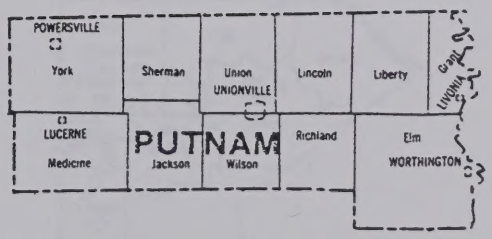


PUTNAM COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1848-1889; Deeds, 1847-1887.

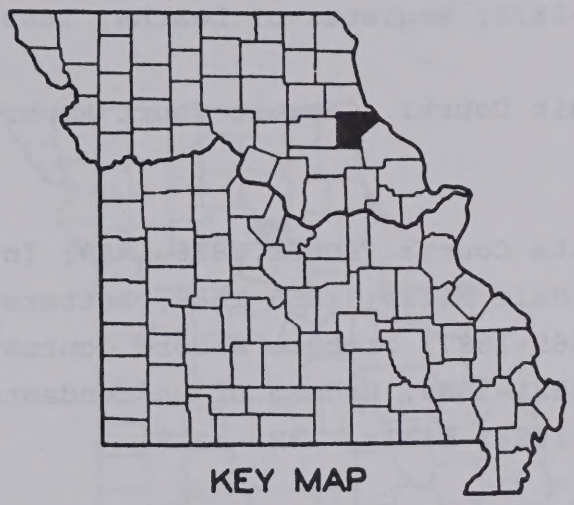
Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1878-1902; Register of Births, 1887-1907.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1855-1892; Circuit Court Records, 1855-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1853-1977; Probate Records, 1857-1889; Bonds, 1879-1940; Bonds and Oaths, 1879-1940; Letters of Administration, 1876-1938; Letters of Testamentary, 1879-1935; Wills, 1857-1929.

RALLS COUNTY

Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Pike County and named for Daniel Ralls, Missouri legislator. County seat: New London, 63459.



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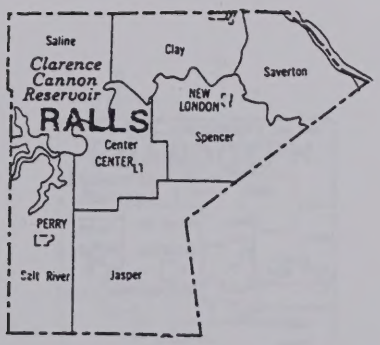

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Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1821-1891; Deeds, 1821-1895; Land Entry Book, 1800; Index to Marriages, 1821-1919; Marriage Contracts, 1838-1893; Marriages, 1821-1924.

Clerk of the County Court: Atlas, 1904; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1893; Register of Deaths, 1883-1886.

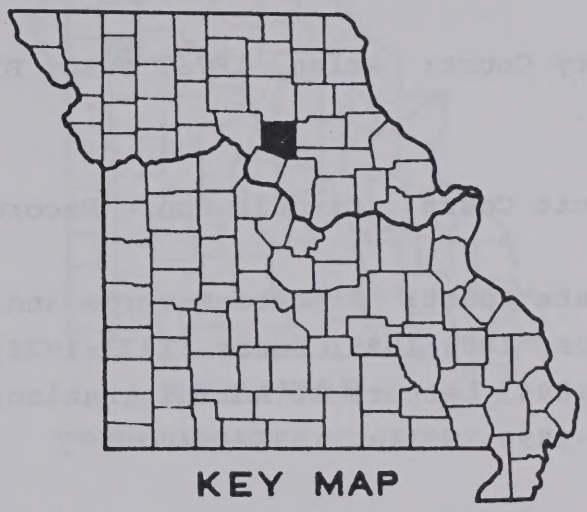
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1821-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Bonds,1836-1899; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1855-1889; Letters, 1850-1906; Probate Docket, 1869-1887; Probate Record Journal, 1864-1867; Probate Records, 1821-1889; Record of Descendants, 1900-1914; Settlements, 1832-1888; Wills, 1821-1918.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

Organized January 22, 1829, from Chariton and Ralls counties and named for John Randolph of Virginia. County seat: Huntsville, 65259.

Courthouse burned August 12, 1882 and again in July 1955.



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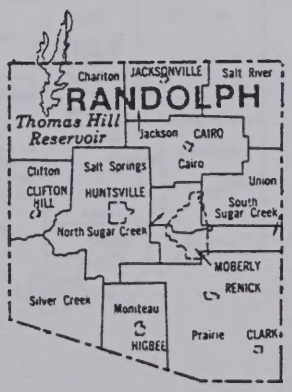


RANDOLPH COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1829-1992; Deeds, 1841-1995; Marriages and Index, 1829-1990; Marriage License Register, 1883-1908; Negro Marriages, 1865-1898; Discharge Index, 1918-1970; Soldiers Discharge, 1919-1987.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Common Pleas, 1875-1886.

Clerk of the County Court: Atlas, 1876, 1910; Births, 1883-1889; Deaths, 1883-1889.

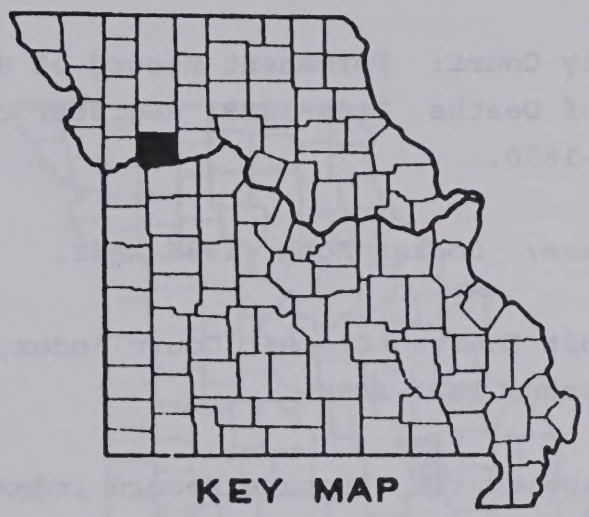
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1858-1891.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1829-1888; Appraisements, 1883-1899; Bonds, 1873-1926; Inventories and Sale Bills, 1855-1894; Letters of Administration,1873-1920; Settlements, 1843-1890; Wills, 1836-1920.

County Collector: Land Tax Books, 1947-1981; Personal Property Taxes, 1983-1986; Real Estate Taxes, 1982-1984.

RAY COUNTY

Organized November 16, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Howard County and named for John Ray, member of the first State Constitutional Convention. County seat: Richmond, 64085.



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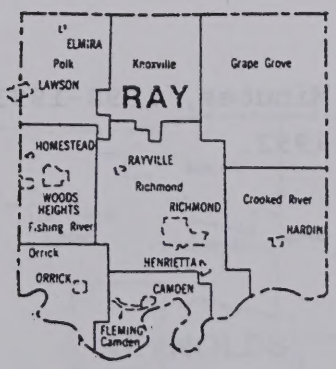


RAY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1820-1886; Deeds,1821-1908; Marriages and Index, 1820-1920.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Common Pleas, 1875-1886.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births,1883-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1889; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1890.

Justice of the Peace: Docket Book, 1836-1851.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1821-1888; Circuit Court Records, 1821-1882.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1823-1922; Probate Records, 1838-1886; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1853-1886; Wills, Letters and Bonds, 1821-1905.

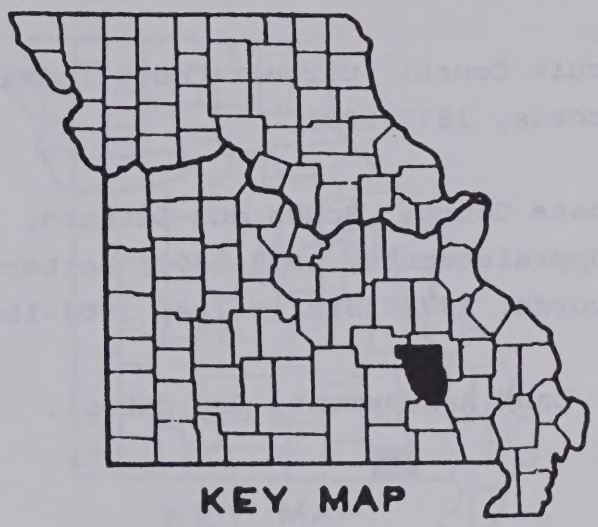
County Superintendent of Schools: School Enumeration Records, 1926-1982.

Richmond/City Council: Minutes, 1898-1993; Ordinances, 1887-1991; Resolutions, 1949-1992.

REYNOLDS COUNTY

Organized February 25, 1845, from Shannon County and named for Thomas Reynolds, governor of Missouri. County seat: Centerville, 63633.

Courthouse burned in 1862 and again November 24, 1871.



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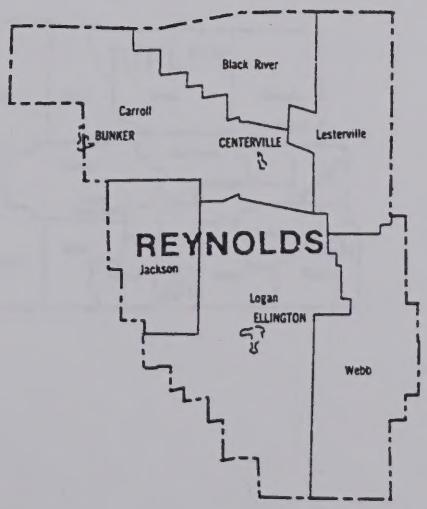


REYNOLDS COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1872-1891; Deeds, 1872-1899; Marriages and Index, 1872-1925.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Birth; 1883-1886; Permanent Record of Deaths; 1883-1886; Register of Births and Stillbirths; 1883-1886; Register of Deaths; 1883-1886; State Census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1872-1910; Circuit Court Records, 1872-1891.

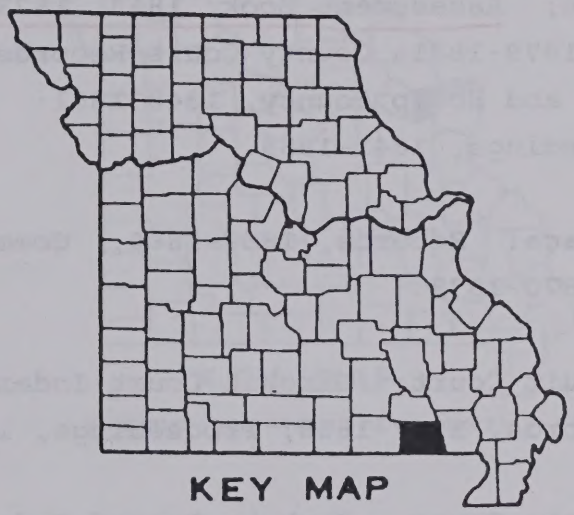
Clerk of the Probate Court: Bonds and Letters, 1872-1930; Inventories and Appraisements, 1875-1893; Letters Docket, 1876-1880; Probate Records, 1872-1889; Wills, 1908-1943.

County Assessor: Land Assessment, (no dates).

RIPLEY COUNTY

Organized January 5, 1833, from Wayne County and named for Eleazar W. Ripley, a soldier in the War of 1812. County seat: Doniphan, 63935.

Courthouse burned during the Civil War and again January 1, 1898.



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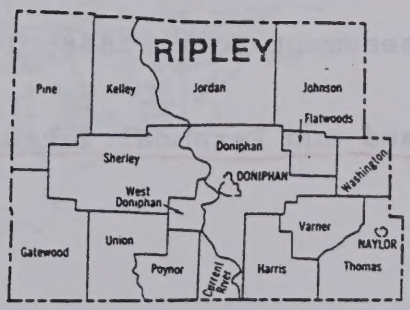


RIPLEY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1844-1888; Deeds, 1844-1896; Marriage Register, 1833-1866; Marriages and Index, 1833-1922; Patent Records, 1833-1858.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1891; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1897; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1891; Register of Deaths, 1883-1893; State Census, 1876; Assessment Book, 1868, 1873, 1895, 1899; Business Ledger, 1879-1881; County Court Records, 1853-1868; Fee Bills, 1857; Mark and Scalp Bounty, 1848-1861; Poll Tax Book, 1904, 1908; Proceedings, 1841-1853.

Justice of the Peace: Records, 1857-1860; Commissions, 1834-1856; Dockets, 1870-1879.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1874-1931; Circuit Court Records, 1867-1888; Proceedings, 1834-1853.

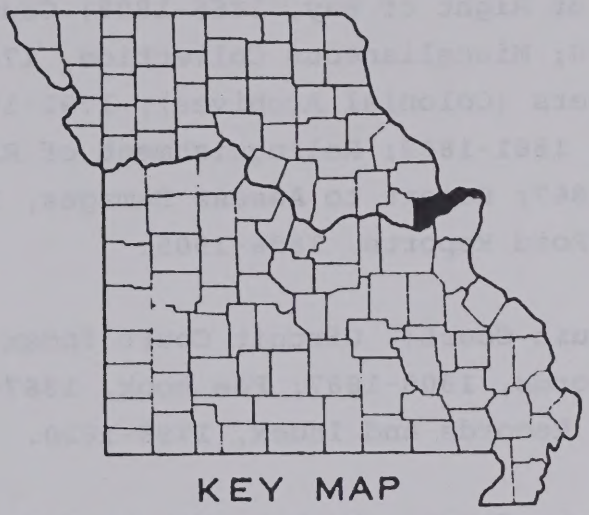
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1882-1940; Probate Records, 1856-1892; Letters of Administration, 1834-1853; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Minutes, 1883-1900; Wills, 1840-1927.

County Assessor: Assessment Book, 1868, 1873, 1895, 1899.

County Collector: Land and Personal Taxes, 1887-1900; Land Taxes, 1871-1873.

SAINT CHARLES COUNTY

Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties and named for St. Charles Borromeo, Italian Cardinal. County seat: St. Charles, 63301.



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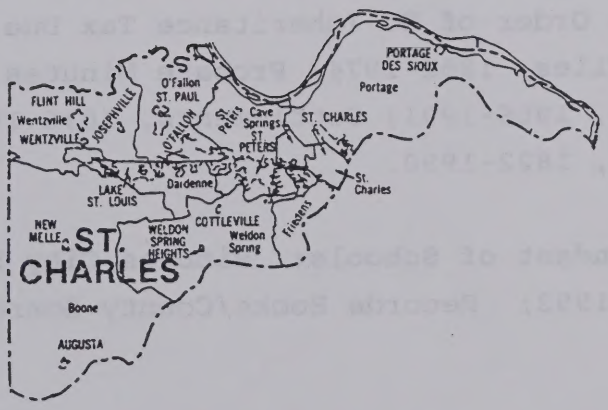


SAINT CHARLES COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1874-1888; Deeds, 1804-1890; Index to Marriage Register, 1792-1863; Marriages, 1807-1916; Marriage License Register, 1883-1905.

Clerk of the County Court: Atlas, 1948; Bridge Record Book, 1901; Conveyance of Right of Way, 1866-1898; County Court Records, 1836-1850; Miscellaneous Collection, 1789-1862; Miscellaneous Papers (Colonial Archives), 1792-1806; Provost Marshall Records, 1861-1862; Relinquishment of Right of Way, 1852-1855, 1866-1867; Report to Assess Damages, 1896; Right of Ways, 1872-1884; Road Reports, 1896-1905.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1842-1974; Circuit Court Records, 1808-1887; Fee Book, 1867-1875; Territorial Court Records and Index, 1798-1820.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Estate File Index, 1852-1974; Probate Record Index, 1827-1974; Probate Records, 1827-1886; Abstract of Demands, 1865-1878; Bonds, 1827-1893, 1964-1993; Inventory and Appraisements, 1914-1992; Letters, 1805-1815, 1956-1991; Order of No Inheritance Tax Due, 1964-1977; Probate Estate Files, 1852-1974; Probate Minutes, 1809-1879; Probate Register, 1956-1991; Settlements, 1836-1844, 1865-1868, 1964-1993; Wills, 1822-1990.

County Superintendent of Schools: Minutes/City Board of Education, 1976-1992; Records Books/County Board of Education, 1867-1885.

Foristell/City Clerk: Minutes, 1990-1995; Ordinances, 1980-1995; Resolutions, 1978-1995.

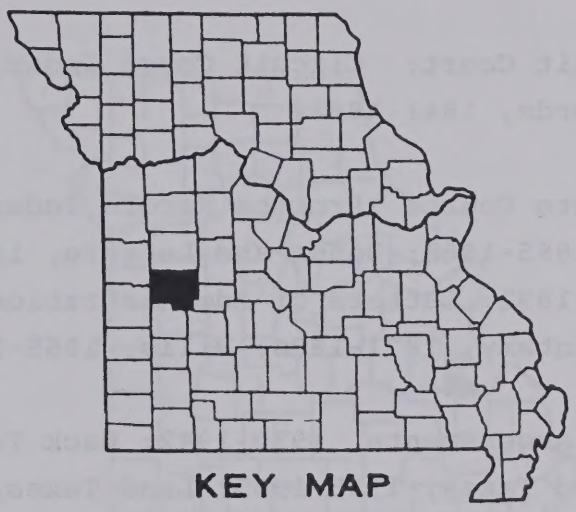
Wentzville/Public School District: Audit Index, (no dates); Audits, 1972-1986; Board Minute Index, (no dates); Board Minutes,

1938-1965, 1973-1974, 1981-1992; Bond Issue Index, (no dates); Bond Issues, 1967-1990; Construction File Index, (no dates); Construction Files, 1967-1990; Contracts and Miscellaneous, (no dates); Lien Waivers, (no dates); Middle School (Fire, Contracts and Minutes) (no dates); Payments, (no dates); Payroll Wage Rates, (no dates).

SAINT CLAIR COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Rives (later Henry) County and named for Arthur St. Clair, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Osceola, 64776.

Courthouse burned in 1861 and again in November, 1864.



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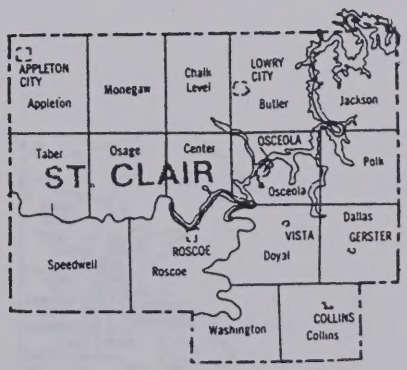


SAINT CLAIR COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1841-1886; Deeds, 1841-1891; Marriages and Index, 1855-1926.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1899; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1894; Register of Births 1883-1887; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1892; Register of Deaths, 1883-1900.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1841-1904; Circuit Court Records, 1841-1883.

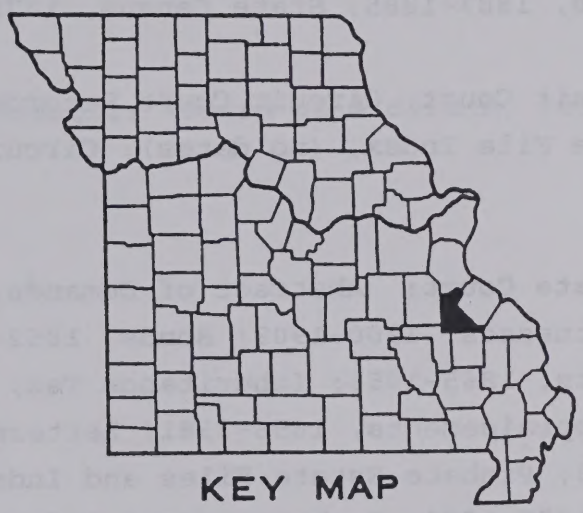
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1865-1888; Probate Records, 1865-1888; Bonds and Letters, 1867-1890; Final Settlements, 1870-1892; Letters of Administration, 1865-1870; Letters of Testamentary, 1871-1890; Wills, 1865-1921.

County Collector: Assessments, 1930-1942; Back Tax, 1940-1993; Land Assessment and Taxes, 1935-1989; Land Taxes/Delinquent, 1947-1953; Personal and Assessment Taxes, 1933-1992; Personal Taxes/Delinquent, 1937-1994; Real Estate and Delinquent Taxes, 1992-1994.

SAINT FRANCOIS COUNTY

Organized December 19, 1821, from Jefferson, Ste. Genevieve and Washington counties and named for the St. Francois River. County seat: Farmington, 63640.

The river was probably named by the early French for St. Francois of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order.



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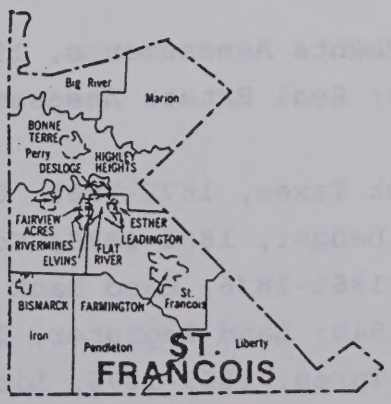

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Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1893; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1890; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1885; Register of Births and Deaths, 1924-1931; Register of Deaths, 1883-1885; State Census, 1876.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1822-1887; Circuit Court Case File Index, (no dates); Circuit Court Cases, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Demands, 1889-1930; Appointment of Witnesses, 1900-1903; Bonds, 1852-1981; Decedents, (no dates); Dockets, 1865-1955; Inheritance Tax, (no dates); Inventories and Appraisements, 1855-1981; Letters, 1825-1982; Notices, 1861-1918; Probate Estate Files and Index, (no dates); Probate Minutes, 1879-1960; Probate Record Indexes, (no dates); Probate Records, 1843-1981; Probate Register, (no dates); Proof of Publication, 1903-1955; Sale Bills, 1904-1955; Settlements, 1849-1981; Wills, 1822-1981.

County Assessor: Merchants Assessments, 1978; Personal Assessments, 1936-1968; Real Estate Assessments, 1934-1945.

County Collector: Back Taxes, 1872-1980; Collectors Journal, 1867-1871; Collectors Ledger, 1861-1876; Corporations Taxes, 1956; Judgment Books, 1861-1876; Land Back Taxes, 1878, 1981-1982; Land Conveyed, 1940; Land Register, 1867; Land Taxes, 1867-1933; Delinquent Land Taxes, 1869-1976; License Records, 1873-1985; Merchants License Tax Book, 1968-1977; Merchant Taxes Book, 1954-1984; Non-Resident Taxes, 1976-1984; Personal Property

Taxes, 1873-1988; Delinquent Personal Property Taxes, 1884-1989; Railroad Taxes, 1908-1957; Real Estate Taxes, 1857-1988; Delinquent Real Estate Taxes, 1983-1989; School District Tax Records, 1871-1951.

County Surveyor: Surveyors Notes and Plats, 1921.

Farmington/City Clerk: Board of Trustees, 1856-1890; Bonds and Commissions, 1901-1912; City Charter, 1856; Enumeration List of Inhabitants, 1901; Oath of Office, 1884-1900; Ordinances, 1857-1925.

Farmington/City Council: Board of Aldermen, 1890-1929.

SAINT LOUIS CITY

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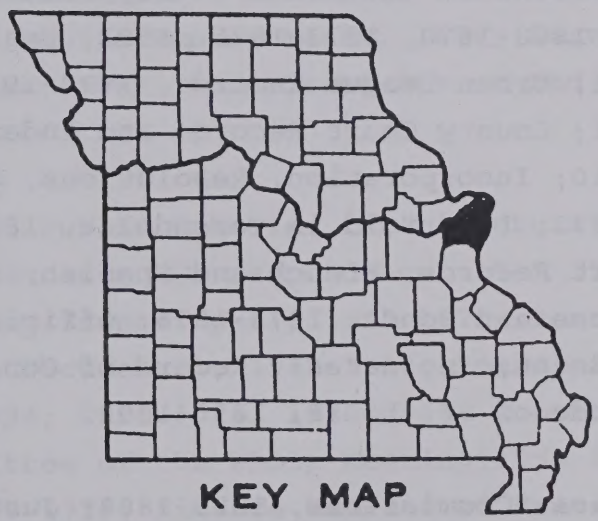

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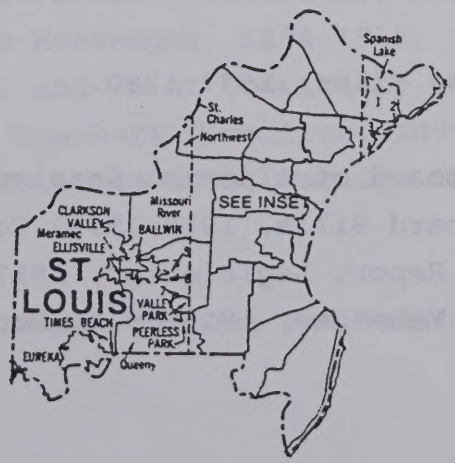

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Recorder of Deeds: Collet's Index to Early Archives, 1766-1854; Early Archives of St. Louis, French and Spanish Records with English Translations, 1763-1854 (NOTE: These early archives include deeds, marriages, wills, litigations, name changes, etc.); French and Spanish Archives Index, (no dates); Archives Index to Marriages, Inventories, and Wills, 1763-1816; Index to Deeds, 1804-1832; Index to Marriages, 1806-1965; Marriages, 1808-1882.

City Clerk/Clerk of the County Court: Index to Names, (no dates); Register of Births, 1847-1910; Register of Deaths, 1850-1909; Burial Certificates, (no dates); City Directories, 1848, 1852, 1860, 1866, 1868-1870, 1873-1875, 1892; Health and Hospital Reports, 1940-1951; Urban League Records, 1910-1992; County Court Minutes, 1805-1821; County Court Records and Index, 1824-1877; Fee Book, 1806-1810; Incorporation, Resolutions, and Ordinances for Carondolet, 1832; Lots Sold in Carondolet, 1846; Miscellaneous Court Records, French and Spanish, 1773-1879; Notaries Commissions and Bonds, 1873-1876; Official Bonds, 1859-1863; History of Baden, (no dates); Record of Constables, 1878-1894; Municipal Code of St. Louis, 1893-1900.

Justice of the Peace: Commissions, 1825-1888; Justice Bernard Poepping, 1853.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Criminal Causes, 1890; Circuit Court Case Files, 1938-1942; Divorce Records, 1961-1963.

Circuit Attorney: Case Files, 1977-1980.

Board of Alderman: Board of Alderman Sessions, 1881-1884; Oath of Election, 1875; Board Bills, 1929-1930; Committee Report, 1898-1899; Committee Report Legislation, 1917-1918; Delegates, 1839-1840; Delegates Messages, 1913-1914; House Bills (302-354),

1908-1909; Minute Books, 1830-1858; Municipal Codes, 1887-1900; Ordinances, 1886-1922; St Louis City Council, 1840-1841; Journals, 1865-1991; House of Delegates Journals, 1877-1915.

Building Commission: Contracts and Covenants, Land; 1960-1962; Master Building Record Cards, 1959.

City Collector: Tax on Sewers, 1853-1855.

Comptroller: Official Bonds and Index, 1873-1875.

Medical Examiner: Medical Examiner's Inquests, 1898;

Public Works Superintendent: Record of Land Commissioner, (no dates); Board of Public Improvements, 1894; Surveys, (no dates); Water Commissioner, 1942; Records of Street and Alley Openings, 1854-1922.

Superintendent of Public Schools: Architectural Records, 1948-1995; Board of Education Correspondence, 1937-1951; Board of Education (Meeting Transcripts), 1929-1976; Board of Education (Meeting Support Documents), 1982-1988; Board of Education Minutes, 1991-1994; Circulars, 1920-1953; Committee of Examiners, 1871-1884; Committee of the Whole Meeting,1954-1970; Committee on Instruction, 1897-1939; Finance Minutes of Meetings, 1919-1929; Frank L. Williams, 1928; Official Proceedings, 1870-1929; Payroll, 1944-1953; Payroll Manuals, 1874-1945; Property Records (Deeds and Leases), 1788-1989; Public School Relief Fund, 1932-1937; Rooms Opened and Closed, 1942-1958; School Survey Report, 1939; School and Home Messenger, 1884-1938, 1963-1992; School Record, 1871; Special and Joint Committee, 1886-1898; Substitute Markings, 1946-1959; Teachers Committee, 1890-1895; Training Courses and Playground, 1944-1953; Wartime Child Care Centers, 1943-1947.

Transportation Department: Street and Railroad Commissioner,

1866.

St. Louis Zoo: St. Louis Zoo Records, 1970-1995.

SAINT LOUIS COUNTY

Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties; named for St. Louis (King Louis IX of France), patron saint of King Louis XV. County seat: 7900 Carondolet, Clayton, MO 63105.

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SAINT LOUIS COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Atlas, 1871-1872; Atlas of City and County, 1878; Index to Marriages, 1877-1980; Marriages, 1881-1959; Plat Maps, 1901.

Clerk of the County Court: Court Records, 1887-1897; County Court Minutes, 1879-1949; Ordinances and Resolutions, 1951-1973; Warrants and Registers, 1879-1948; Commissions, Bonds, and Oaths, 1877-1951; Appraisals of Cattle and Roads, 1920-1932; County Highway Board Minutes, 1913-1920; Road Improvements, 1928-1946; Road Minutes, 1879-1911; Road Tax, 1878; Road Commissioners Reports, 1902-1916; Board of Health Certificates, 1880-1935; Board of Health Minutes, 1901-1917; Dental Certificates, 1897-1971; Doctor and Druggist Permits, 1921-1933; Examining Surgeons, 1906-1907; Osteopathic Certificates, 1916-1971; Pharmacists and Osteopaths, 1893-1914; Physicians, 1879-1884; County Ward Books, 1890-1934; Dram Shop Licenses, 1891-1910; Farm Name Register, 1907-1969; Merchants and Manufacturers Records, 1879-1903; Land and School Capital Funds, 1894-1946.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1887-1897; Civil Docket, 1903-1906.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Domestic Relations Cases, 1960-1970; Equity Cases, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Bonds, 1905-1969; Miscellaneous Papers and Index, 1918-1955; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Minutes, 1960-1990; Administrator and Executor Notices, 1877-1955; Index to Deceased, 1876-1975; Register of Deceased, (no dates); Inventories, 1956-1969; Guardian and Curator Records, 1925-1973; Probate Records, 1877-1971; Probate Register, 1971-1988; Indigent and Insane Persons, 1947-1957; Register of Mental Illness, (no dates); Letters of Administration, Refusals, 1895-1973; Settlements, 1959-1969; Register of Wards and Index, 1870-

1973; Wills and Index, 1878-1969.

County Collector: Taxes Uncollected, 1865-1888.

County Coroner: Records, 1916-1921.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Ledger, 1880-1900; School Warrants, 1881-1937; Report to Superintendent, 1878-1882; Vandorer School #65 Records, 1915-1918.

Bremen/City Council: Proceedings of Board of Trustees, 1850.

Carondolet/City Assessor: Assessment List, 1867-1868; Assessment/Collection Real Estate, 1860-1864; Delinquent Tax Claims, 1863-1864.

Carondolet/City Clerk: Abstract of Deeds, 1851; Bonds and Contracts, 1851-1870; City Census, 1857-1858; Court Records, 1859; Deeds to City, 1863; Makes of Soda Bottles, 1858; Minutes, 1869-1870 ; Newspaper Clippings, Ordinances, 1851; Ordinance Violations, 1861-1869; Ordinances, (no dates); Personal, Merchants and Dramshops, 1861; Private Property/Public Use, 1853; Real Estate Account Book, 1838; Real Estate Sales, 1859; Registration of Brands, 1916; School Book Census, 1869.

Carondolet/City Collector: Account Book, 1849-1851; Accounts, 1849-1950; Assessment List, 1869; City Revenue, 1852-1870.

Carondolet/City Council: Minutes, 1851-1866; Proceedings, 1859.

Cool Valley/Police Department: General Ledger and Cash Receipts, 1971-1991; Minutes, 1951-1993; Ordinances, 1951-1994; Police Reports, 1986-1992.

Eureka/Fire District: Alarm Reports, 1962-1990.

Maplewood/City Clerk: Ordinances, 1925-1983; Resolutions, 1925-1990.

Maplewood/Public School District: School Board Exhibits, 1935-1977; School Board Health Records, (no dates); School District Minutes, 1950-1990.

Maryland Heights/Emergency Medical Services Director: Maryland Heights EMS Reports, 1991-1993.

Maryland Heights/Fire Department: Ambulance Reports, 1978-1985; Medical Supplies Reports, 1985; Ambulance Trip Records, 1976-1977; Daily Logs, 1976-1991; EMS and Fire Reports, 1983-1990; Engineer Drawings, 1991-1993; Fire Reports, 1954-1993; Minutes, 1956-1990; Truck Checks, 1986-1988; Records Room, 1988.

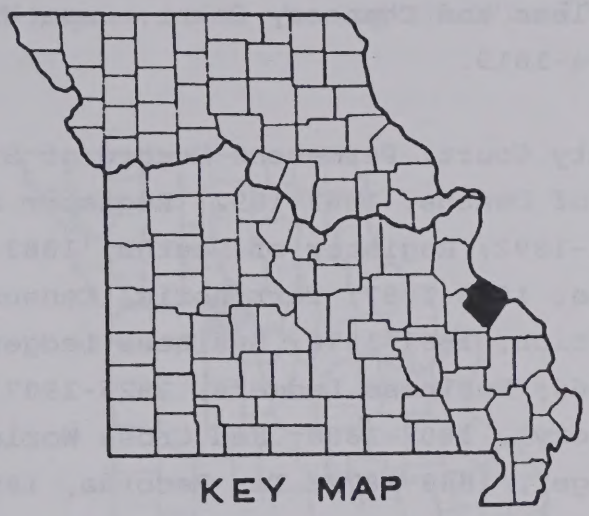
Mehlville/Public School District: Board of Education, 1935-1993; Minutes, 1875-1991.

University City/City Council: Journal of Proceedings, 1906-1909; Minutes, Board of Aldermen, 1926-1931; Minutes, 1931-1991; Ordinances, (no dates).

Valley Park/City Clerk: Minutes, 1917-1942.

SAINTE GENEVIEVE COUNTY

Organized October 1, 1812, as one of the five original counties and named for the French Saint, Patroness of Paris. County seat: Ste. Genevieve, 63670.



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Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Case Files, 1804-1814; Common Pleas, 1804-1819.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1892; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1892; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1892; Register of Deaths, 1883-1892; Birth and Death Certificates, 1883-1887; Territorial Census, 1752, 1818; Board of Equalization, 1867-1876; Business Ledger (Tavern and Brewery), 1858-1866; Business Ledgers, 1826-1907; Pleas (Louisiana Territory), 1807-1808; Red Cross World War I, 1918-1921; Revenue Ledger, 1843-1872; Tax Records, 1857-1868.

Justice of the Peace: Records, 1805-1875; Dockets, 1838-1851.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1819-1976; Territorial Court Cases and Index, 1815-1821; Circuit Court Records, 1819-1957; Free Persons of Color, 1850; Naturalization Records, 1833-1940; Territorial Court Record Index, 1790-1821; Territorial Records, 1790-1868.

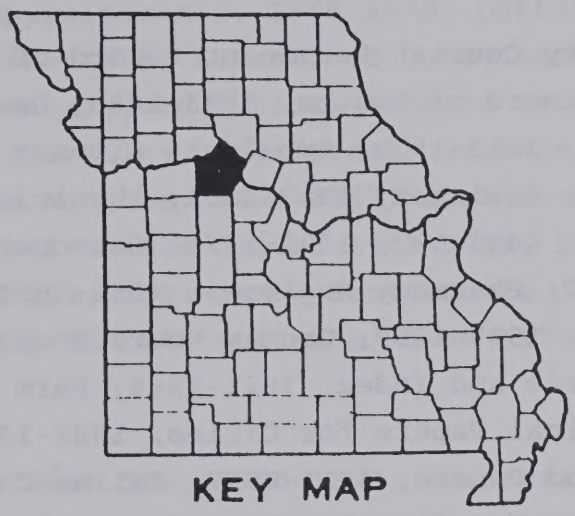
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1826-1959; Probate Records, 1828-1931; Letters of Administration, 1879-1915; Will Index, 1807-1917; Wills, 1807-1941.

County Coroner: Inquest Files, 1905-1975.

SALINE COUNTY

Organized November 25, 1820 (effective January 1, 1821) from Cooper County and named for its numerous salt springs. County seat: Marshall, 65340.

Courthouse burned August 1864, during the Civil War.



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Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Chancery, 1837-1851; Common Pleas Records, 1869-1874.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1885; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1885; Dentists and Dental Surgeons Register, 1883-1970; Embalmers License Index, 1901-1927; Health Certificate Register, 1883-1981; Physicians' Register, 1848-1989; Nurses' Register, 1922-1978; Osteopathic Physicians Records, 1897-1940; Pharmacy Register, 1892-1894; County Court Allowance Records, 1935-1959; County Court Docket, 1869-1891; County Court Records and Index, 1821-1989; Farm Name Register, 1907-1957; Historical Papers for Cities, 1883-1958; Minute Books, 1949-1987; Railroad Papers, 1911-1957; Saline County History, 1821-1905; Board of Equalization Records, 1867-1985; Commissions and Official Bonds, 1881-1940; Loyalty Oaths, 1867; Notary Commissions, 1950-1989; Drainage Districts Records, 1876-1928; Road District and Right of Way Records, 1853-1974; Taxes, 1928-1958; Cattle Brands, 1851-1971; Estrays, 1869-1883; Strays, 1850-1903; Wolf Scalp Bounties, 1920-1967; County Poor Farm Records, 1836-1974.

Justice of the Peace: Civil Commissions, 1858-1928; Dockets, 1906-1939.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1821-1973; Circuit Court Records, 1821-1988; Criminal Court records, 1875-1950; Index to File Papers, 1832-1948; Civil and Criminal Docket, 1910-1940.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Demands, 1849-1981; Administrative Affidavits and Applications, 1866-1958; Ads of Grants and Letters, 1872-1885; Affidavits of Publication, 1885-1952; Bonds, 1870-1979; Books of Apprentice, 1867-1890; Creditor Refusal Records, 1941-1979; Docket Book, 1927-1955; Guardian and Curators, 1905-1968; Guardian Inventories and Affidavits, 1977-1985; Guardians Report, 1903-1933, 1943-1956; Incompetent Records, 1961-1968; Index to General Indexes (Probate Estates, 1821; Inheritance Tax, 1912-1979; Inventories, 1899-1929; Inventories and Appraisements, 1855-1979; Letters of Administration, 1869-1979; Letters of Guardianship, 1897-1917; Letters of Testamentary, 1875-1968; Probate Record Index, 1821-1976; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Judgment Records, 1877-1980; Probate Minutes, 1854-1967; Probate Records, 1821-1980; Record of Real Estate Sales, 1903-1956; Refunding Bond, 1899-1924; Sale Bills, 1881-1955; Settlements, 1858-1979; Small Estates, 1969-1979; Widow's Refusals, 1956-1979; Will Records, 1830-1979.

County Collector: Back Tax, 1980-1988; Personal Tax, 1981-1994; Railroad Taxes, 1949-1964; Real Estate Taxes and Assessments, 1963-1993.

County Coroner: Inquests, 1876-1993; Coroner Records, 1953-1966.

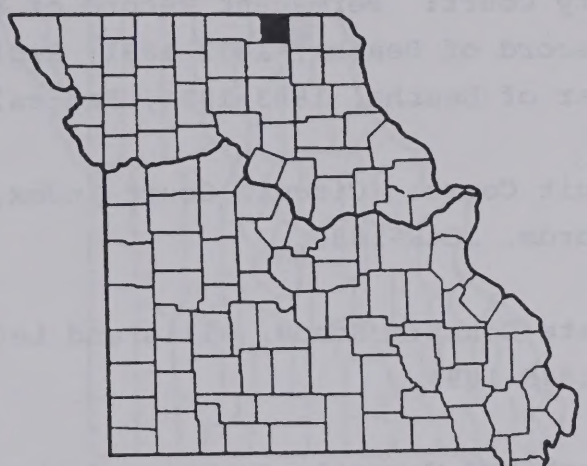
County Sheriff: Constable and Sheriff Records, 1868-1925.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Bonds, 1900-1933; School Enumerations, 1870-1963.

County Treasurer: Treasurer's Accounts, 1863-1921.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Adair County and named for Philip Schuyler, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Lancaster, 63548.



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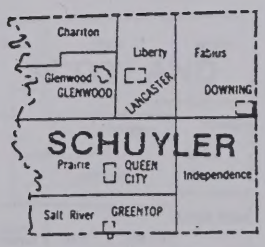


SCHUYLER COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1846-1890; Deeds, 1845-1887; Marriages and Index, 1845-1892, 1907-1927; Marriage Register, 1886-1907.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1891; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1833-1891; Register of Births, 1883-1893; Register of Deaths, 1883-1891; Federal Census, 1880.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1846-1909; Circuit Court Records, 1846-1889.

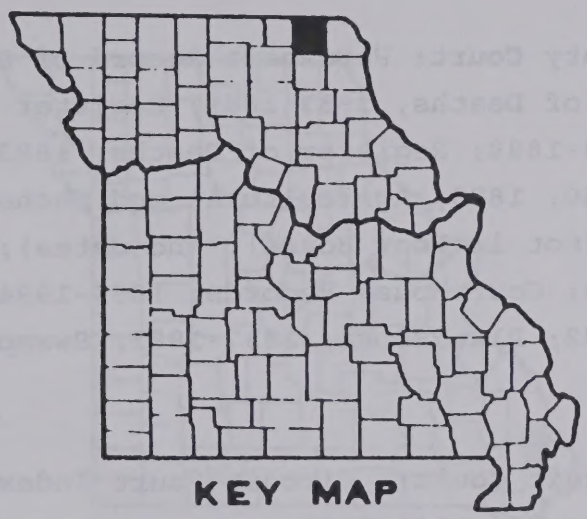
Clerk of the Probate Court: Bonds, Wills and Letters, 1845-1932; Probate Records, 1845-1893.

Lancaster/City Clerk and Council: Justice of the Peace, 1910-1914; Mayor's Docket, 1895-1954; Ordinances, 1919-1936; Plat Book, 1898; Minutes, 1906-1990.

Queen City/City Clerk and Council: Docket, 1911-1965; Minutes, 1897-1981.

SCOTLAND COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Clark, Lewis, and Shelby counties and named for Scotland. County seat: Memphis, 63555.



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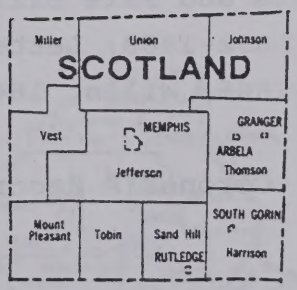


SCOTLAND COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1836-1886; Deeds, 1836-1888; Marriages and Index, 1841-1920; Marriage Register, 1904-1941; Civil War Records, 1875-1879; Enrolled Missouri Militia (29th Regiment), 1861-1864.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1889; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1889; Register of Deaths, 1883-1889; Federal Census, 1850, 1860, 1870; Agricultural and Mechanical, 1865-1892; County Patients (not in Poor House), (no dates); County Wards Record, 1887-1954; Courthouse Records, 1889-1994; County Court Minutes, 1864-1872; Plat Books, 1837-1882; Swampland Records, 1850-1900.

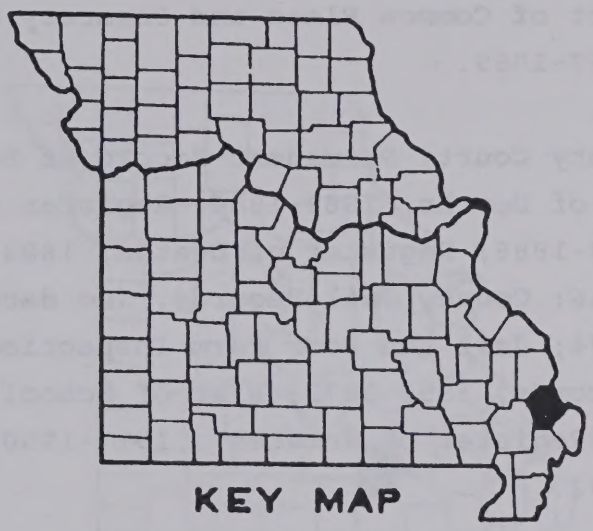
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1841-1896; Circuit Court Records, 1841-1888.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1842-1892; Probate Records, 1842-1887; Bonds of Administration, 1854-1873; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1878-1888; Administrators Letters, 1852-1868; Letters of Testamentary, 1868-1890; Settlements, 1854-1865; Wills, 1846-1918.

County Coroner: County Coroner's Records, 1911-1934.

SCOTT COUNTY

Organized December 28, 1821 (effective March 1, 1822) from New Madrid County and named for John Scott, Missouri congressman. County seat: Benton, 63736.



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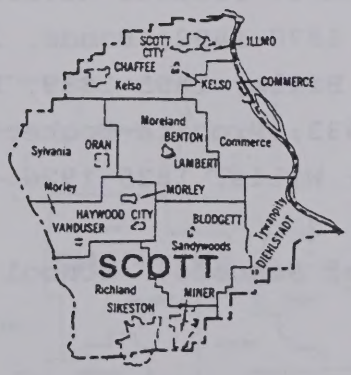


SCOTT COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1822-1903; Deeds, 1822-1903; Index to Marriages, 1840-1972; Marriages, 1840-1956; Civil War Manuscripts, 1862; Military Discharges, 1918-1994.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Chancery Court: Common Pleas Record, 1867-1869.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1886; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1886; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1886; Register of Deaths, 1883-1886; Cemetery Records, 1920-1946; County Jail Records, (no dates); Enumeration Reports, 1872-1874; Jail and Poor Farm Inspections, 1893-1924; Miscellaneous Records, 1859-1872; Plat of School Districts, 1896-1912; Poor Farm (Register of Inmates), 1917-1950; Swampland Records, 1859-1872.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1822-1951; Naturalization Records, 1908-1932.

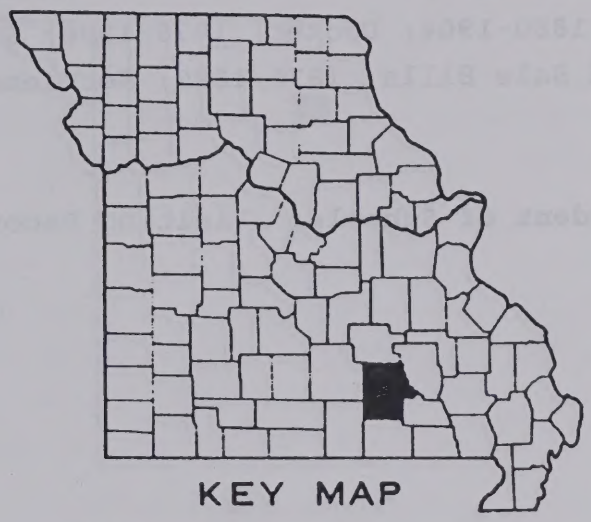
Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1841-1934; Administrators Record, 1870-1892; Bonds, 1862-1933; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1855-1889; Letters of Administrators, 1862-1933; Probate Docket, 1863-1890; Settlements, 1855-1929; Wills, 1825-1926.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Enumerations, (no dates).

SHANNON COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Ripley County and named for George Shannon of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. County seat: Eminence, 65466.

Courthouse burned in 1863; December 31, 1871; March, 1895; and May 23, 1938.



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Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1872-1915; Tax Suit Index, 1880-1932.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1869-1911; Probate Records, 1880-1904; Docket, 1875-1896; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1876-1899; Settlements, 1876-1891; Wills, 1907-1918.

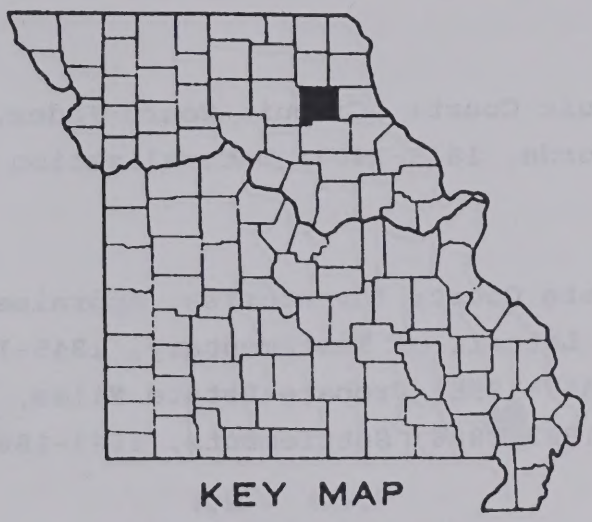
County Superintendent of Schools: Visiting Record, 1910-1912.

SHELBY COUNTY

Organized January 2, 1835, from Marion County and named for Isaac Shelby, Kentucky governor and a Revolutionary War soldier.

County seat: Shelbyville, 63469.

Courthouse burned June 29, 1891.



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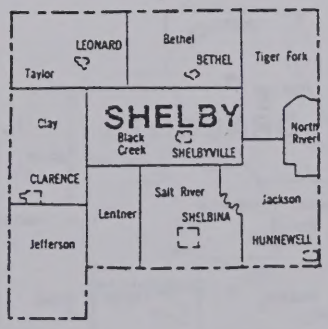


SHELBY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1835-1891; Deeds, 1835-1885; Marriages, 1835-1919.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1887; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1887; Register of Births, 1883-1887; Register of Deaths, 1883-1887; County Court Records, 1836-1870; Land Tax Records, 1836-1866; Miscellaneous Records, (no dates).

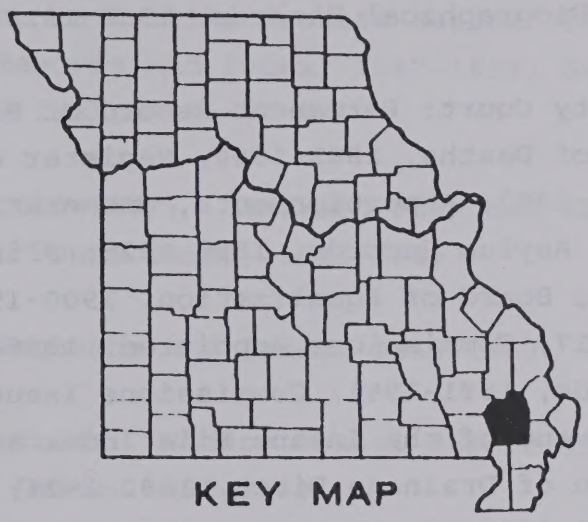
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1835-1925; Circuit Court Records, 1835-1907; Naturalization Records, (no dates).

Clerk of the Probate Court: Inventories, Appraisements, and Sale Bills, 1836-1888; Letters of Testamentary, 1845-1912; Letters of Administration, 1867-1955; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Records, 1863-1886; Settlements, 1863-1888; Wills, 1845-1917.

STODDARD COUNTY

Organized January 2, 1835, from New Madrid County and named for Amos Stoddard, first American Civil Commandant of Upper Louisiana. County seat: Bloomfield, 63825.

Courthouse burned in 1864.



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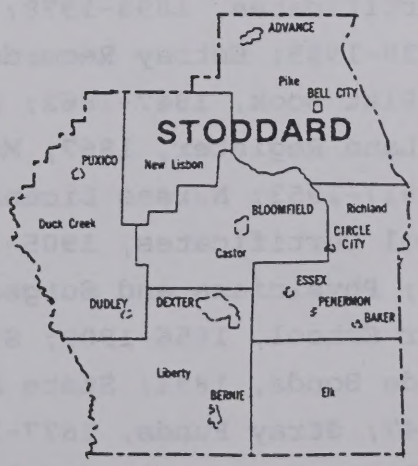


STODDARD COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1835-1891; Deeds, 1835-1901; Index to Marriages, 1865-1954; Marriage records and indexes, with some applications, 1863-1954; Marriages, solemnized by the probate judge, 1891-1946; Army Records, 1917-1943; Plat Books, 1867-1869; Register of Instruments Filed, 1913-1948; Service Discharge Index, (no dates); Selective Service Records, 1940-1947; Soldier Records, 1919; World War I Soldiers, Sailors, Marines-Biographical Records, 1917-1918.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1886; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1886; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1887; Apportionments, Enumerations, Returns and Plats, 1926-1953; Asylum Records, 1895-1925; Blind Pension Record, 1923-1933; Board of Equalization, 1900-1990; Board of Pharmacy, 1891-1917; Commissions Appointed, 1896-1911; Commission and Constable Bonds, 1891-1951; Commissions Issued Register, 1835-1895; Commitment of the Insane File Index and Files, 1873-1955; Construction of Drainage Ditch, 1882-1924; Conveyance of Right of Way, 1878-1908; County Court Minutes, 1864-1991; County Court Record Index, 1847-1994; County Court Records, 1876-1994; County Home Accounts, 1917-1966; County Home Patients, Insane, 1929-1932; County Home Register, 1917-1966; County Order Book, 1847-1876; Dentist Certificates, 1898-1978; Drainage District Records and Index, 1939-1985; Estray Records, 1864-1910; Government Townships Plat Book, 1847-1862; Hunters License Register, 1907-1909; Land Register, 1867; Marks and Bonds, 1865-1943; Notary Bonds, 1917-1953; Nurses License Register, 1922-1990; Osteopathy School Certificates, 1905-1970; Patent Ownership, (no dates); Physicians and Surgeons Register, 1874-1919; Sale of Land for School, 1856-1909; School Bond Register, 1868-1885; School Funds Bonds, 1891; State Board of Health Certificates, 1902-1947; Stray Funds, 1877-1909; Stray Notices, 1902-1919; Tax Book, 1890; Warrants and Wolf Scalps, 1870-1885; Swampland Records, 1860-1925; Warrant Register, 1848-1933.

Justice of the Peace: Case Files, 1865-1933; Dockets, 1875-1946; Files and Index, 1865-1946.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1836-1953; Case Files, Defendant, 1851-1945.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Appraisements, 1886-1901; Bonds, 1864-1913; Decedents, 1899-1910; Inventories, 1887-1907; Letters of Administration, 1876-1898; Probate Estate Files and Index, (no dates); Probate Records and Index, 1847-1898; Settlements, 1875-1940; Wills, 1835-1923.

County Assessor/Collector: Land and Personal Assessments, 1867-1921; Land and Personal Taxes, 1872-1929.

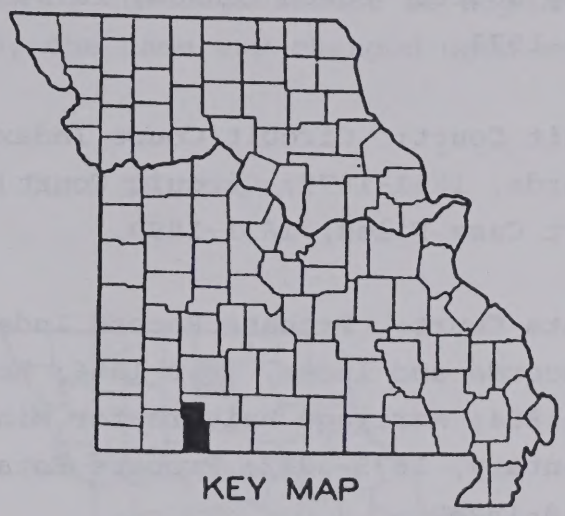
County Coroner: Inquests and Index, 1865-1967.

Public School District: County Annual Report Index, 1919-1934; Enumerations and Index, 1936-1963.

Sheriff: Jail Records, 1882-1951; Sheriff's Day Book, 1939-1944.

STONE COUNTY

Organized February 10, 1851, from Taney County and named for William Stone, pioneer judge of Taney County. County seat: Galena, 65656.



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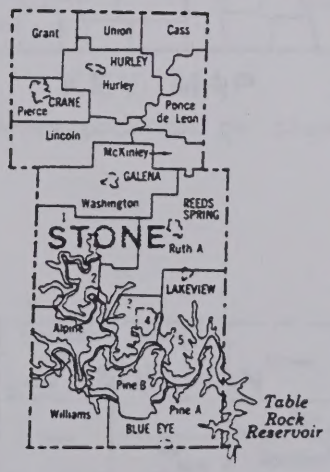


STONE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1855-1887; Deeds, 1854-1888; Marriages and Index, 1851-1935.

Clerk of the County Court: State Census, 1876; County Court Record Index, 1852-1972.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1851-1879; Circuit Court Dockets, 1873-1879; Circuit Court Case Files, 1851-1899.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index (General), (no dates); Probate Records and Index, 1850-1886; Bonds, 1875-1922; Inventories, 1875-1884; Marriage Waivers for Minors, (no dates); Letters of Testamentary, 1875-1912; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Wills, 1848-1923.

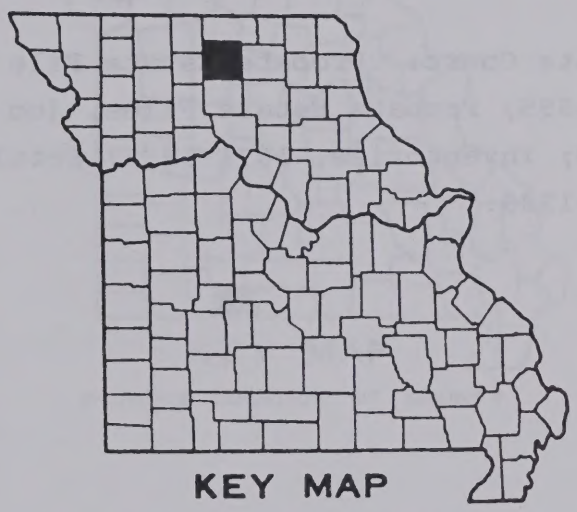
County Superintendent of Schools: Birthdate Records, Correspondence, 1963-1978; School Enumerations, Estimates of School Records, 1934-1975.

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Linn County and named for James Sullivan, a Revolutionary general. County seat: Milan, 63556.

Originally defined by the Legislature as Highland County on February 17, 1843, the name was changed upon actual organization.

Courthouse burned June 26, 1908.



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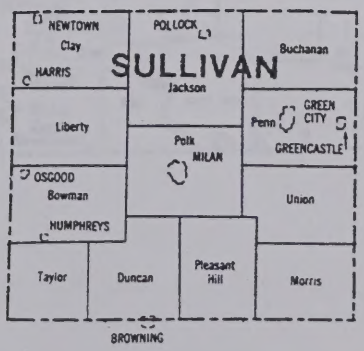

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Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1845-1887; Deeds, 1845-1893; Marriages and Indexes, 1845-1923; Marriage License Register, 1885-1931; Patents, 1858-1880; Swampland Patents, 1859-1953.

Clerk of the County Court: Births, 1835-1871; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1899; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1892; Patents, 1858-1880; Swampland Patents, 1859-1953.

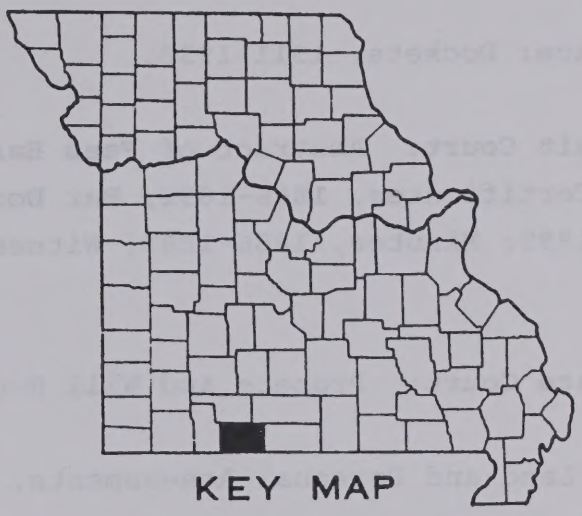
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, (no dates); Circuit Court Records, 1845-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Estate File Index (Printed), (no dates); 1845-1895; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Probate Records, 1850-1889; Inventories, 1871-1892; Settlements, 1870-1888; Wills, 1849-1928.

TANEY COUNTY

Organized January 6, 1837, from Greene County and named for Roger B. Taney, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
County seat: Forsyth, 65652.

Courthouse burned December 19, 1885.



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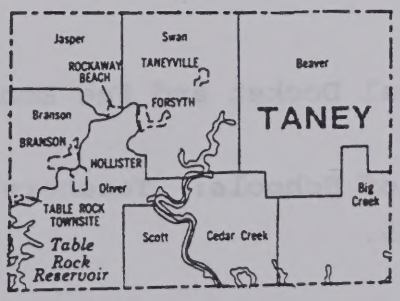


TANEY COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1886-1895; Deeds, 1881-1906; Marriages and Index, 1885-1899, 1908-1913.

Clerk of the County Court: County Court Dockets, 1913-1921; County Court Minutes, 1896-1921; Criminal Cost, 1914-1921; Explosives, 1913-1917; Hunters Licenses, 1905-1906; Marks and Brands, 1886-1922; Warrant Register, 1896-1923.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1911-1938.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Abstract of Fees Earned, 1925-1934; Abstract of Jury Certificates, 1886-1892; Bar Docket, 1888-1917; Court Fees, 1888-1895; Minutes, 1886-1889; Witness Claims, 1886-1927.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate and Will Records, 1888-1916.

County Assessor: Land and Personal Assessments, 1886-1940.

County Collector: Abstract of Collections,1885-1934; Back Taxes, 1891-1943; Land and Personal Taxes, 1886-1934; Delinquent Taxes, 1898-1934; School District Accounts, 1895-1900; School Taxes, 1888-1915.

County Sheriff: General Docket and Fee Book, 1897-1909.

County Superintendent of Schools: Teachers Registers, 1886-1918; School Bonds, 1881-1925.

County Treasurer: Accounts, 1885-1915; Apportionment to School Fund, 1886-1895; Cash Book, 1893-1901; Journal, 1879-1907; Ledgers, 1879-1924; Public School Funds (Fines and Penalties), 1879-1897.

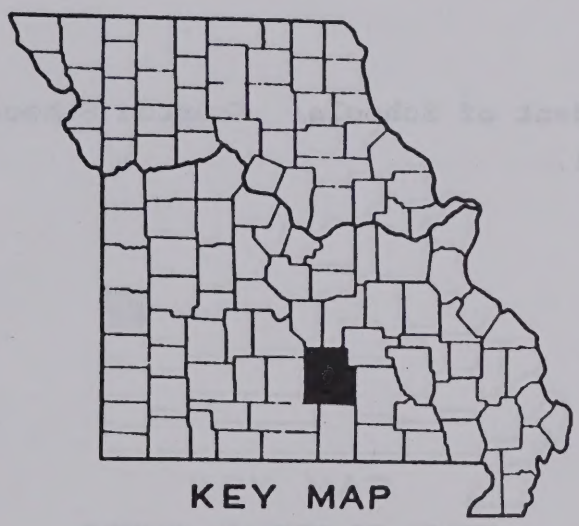
Public School District: Board of Education, Audit Reports, 1955-1991; Minutes, 1948-1992.

TEXAS COUNTY

Organized February 14, 1845, from Shannon and Wright counties and named for the Republic of Texas. County seat: Houston, 65483.

Originally defined by the Legislature as Ashley County on February 17, 1843, the name was changed to Texas upon organization.

Courthouse was destroyed during the Civil War; it burned on February 12, 1881 and again on December 14, 1930.



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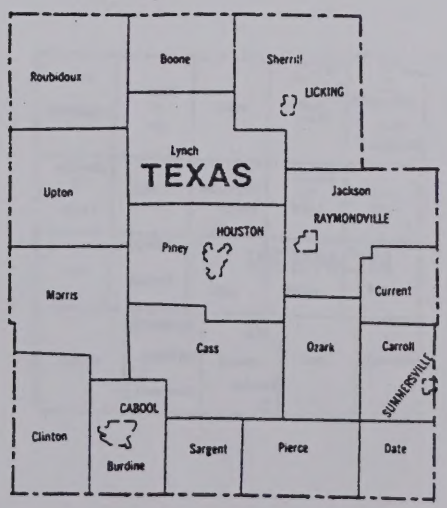


TEXAS COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1845-1893; Deeds, 1843-1888; Marriages and Index, 1855-1916; Tract Book, 1851-1899.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1887; Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1887; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1895; Register of Deaths, 1883-1890; State Census, 1876; County Court Records, 1858-1867.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1873-1887.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1870-1931; Wills, 1909-1929.

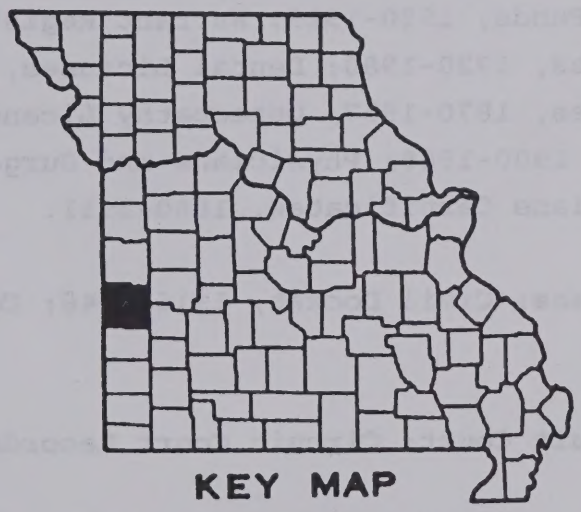
County Superintendent of Schools: Houston School District Board Minutes, 1931-1991.

VERNON COUNTY

Organized February 27, 1855, from Bates County and named for Miles Vernon, Missouri legislator. County seat: Nevada, 64772.

The original law establishing Vernon County was approved on February 17, 1851, but was later declared to be unconstitutional in that the boundaries described were identical to those of Bates County.

Courthouse burned in 1863 during the Civil War.



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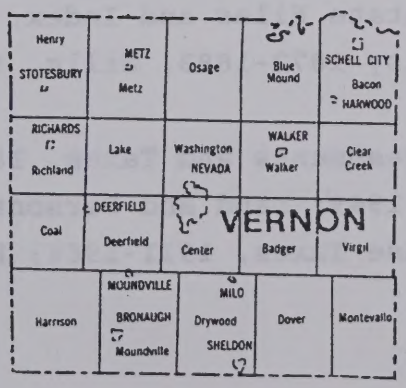


VERNON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1845-1887; Deeds, 1842-1886, 1966; Gas and Oil Records, 1965-1966; Marriages and Index, 1855-1916.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1901; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1904; Register of Births, 1883-1901; Register of Deaths, 1883-1904; Board of Equalization Records, 1893-1968; County Court Minutes, 1876-1973; County Court Records and Index, 1855-1895; Insane Notices, 1889-1941; Journal, 1875-1889; Marks and Brands, 1873-1901; Register of Farm Names, 1907-1957; Register of School Bonds, 1859-1890; Road Records, 1878-1898; Stray Funds, 1920-1929; Warrant Registers, 1866-1983; Dental Certificates, 1920-1980; Dental Licenses, 1883-1923; Health Certificates, 1870-1957; Osteopathy Licenses, 1903-1964; Pharmacy Records, 1900-1908; Physicians and Surgeons Licenses, 1905-1929; Physicians Certificates, 1880-1911.

Justice of the Peace: Civil Docket, 1916-1946; Commissions, 1878-1917.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1856-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records and Index, 1855-1887; Administrators Accounts, 1856-1872; Bonds, 1857-1899; Day Book Index, 1855-1885; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1857-1895; Probate Estate Files and Index, (no dates); Letters, 1855-1883; Settlements, 1872-1883; Wills, 1856-1922.

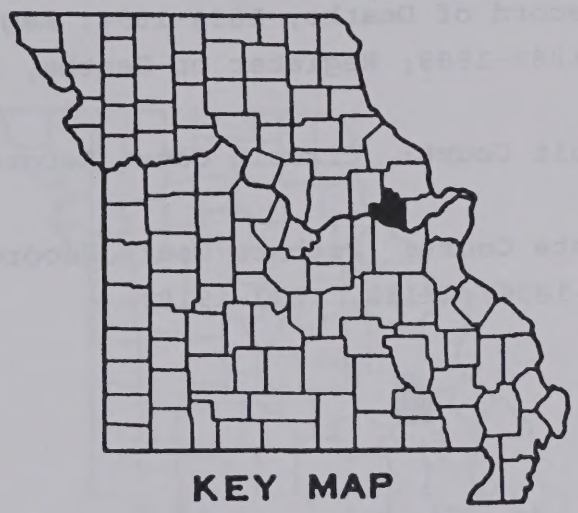
County Collector: Assessments and Taxes, 1869-1971; Delinquent and Back Taxes, 1881-1949; Land and Personal Assessments, 1892-1947; Merchants License Taxes, 1911-1964; Railroad Assessments and Taxes, 1879-1951.

County Coroner: Coroners Records, 1945-1988.

County Superintendent of Schools: School Enumerations, 1890-1950.

WARREN COUNTY

Organized January 5, 1833, from Montgomery County and named for Joseph Warren, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Warrenton, 63383.



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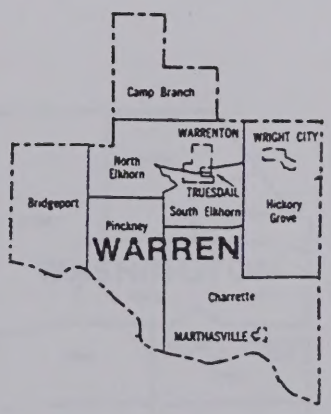


WARREN COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1833-1886; Deeds, 1833-1889; Marriages and Index, 1833-1915; Marriage Applications, 1901-1920.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1889; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1884-1894; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1889; Register of Deaths, 1883-1889.

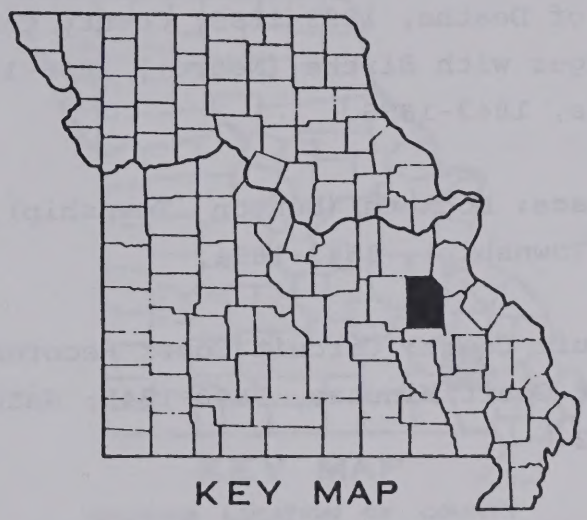
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1833-1886.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Court Records, 1833-1889; Settlements, 1868-1896; Wills, 1833-1918.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Organized August 21, 1813 (effective November 1, 1813) from Ste. Genevieve County and named for George Washington. County seat: Potosi, 63664.

Courthouse burned January 9, 1907.



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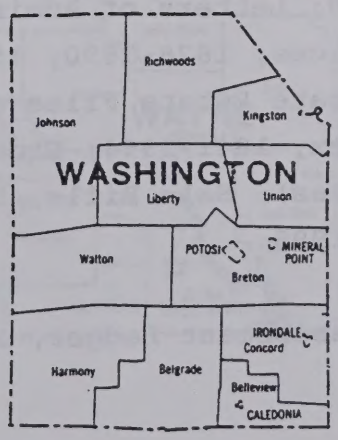


WASHINGTON COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, 1813-1905; Deeds, 1813-1902, 1927-1971; Marriages and Index, 1815-1954; Negro Marriages, 1865-1875; Spanish Grant Plat Book, (no dates).

Court of Common Pleas: Minutes, 1813-1818.

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1895; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1895; County Court Records, 1788-1854; Marriages with Births (Negro), 1865-1875; Black Cases, 1845-1851; Minutes, 1843-1855.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets (Benton Township), 1825-1829; Dockets (Johnson Township), 1843-1894.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records and Index, 1814-1952; Circuit Court Minutes, 1840-1845; Naturalization Records, 1907-1942.

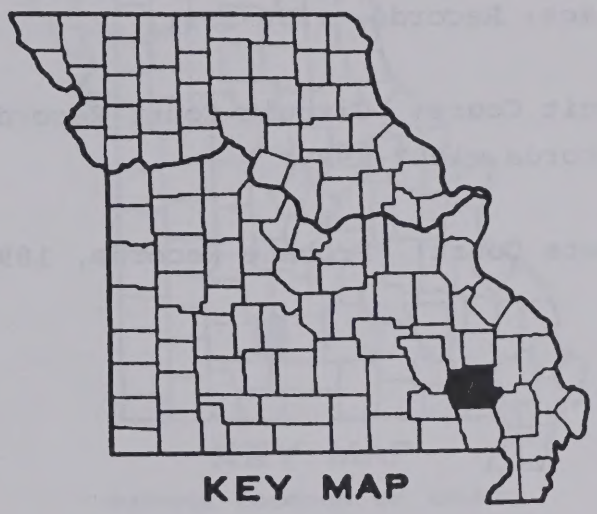
Clerk of the Probate Court: Abstract of Demands, 1897-1927; Abstract of Fees Collected, 1903-1995; Application for Letters, 1922-1955; Bonds, 1925-1979; Execution Docket, 1814-1925; Inheritance Tax Records, 1921-1926; Inventories and Appraisements, 1855-1970; Letters of Administration, 1813-1979; Minutes, 1867-1995; Notices, 1878-1890, 1921-1938; Probate Dockets, 1860-1956; Probate Estate Files and Index, (no dates); Probate Records and Index, 1841-1994; Proof of Publication, 1893-1942; Decedents, (no dates); Sale Bills, 1874-1929; Settlements, 1813-1956; Wills, 1819-1995.

County Assessor: Tax Assessment Ledger, 1854-1855.

WAYNE COUNTY

Organized December 11, 1818 (effective February 1, 1819) from Cape Girardeau and Lawrence counties and named for Anthony Wayne, a Revolutionary War general. County seat: Greenville, 63944.

Courthouse burned in 1854 and again December 14, 1892.



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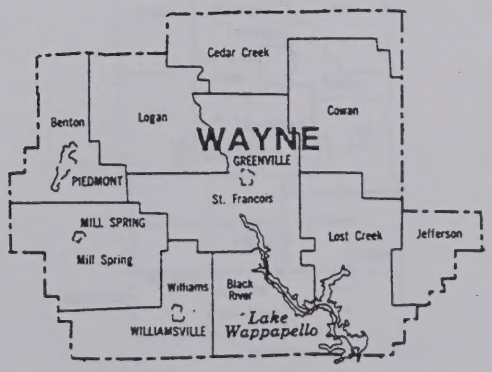


WAYNE COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Abstract and Index to Deeds, (no dates); Index to Deeds, 1895-1916; Deeds, 1850-1926; Marriages and Index, 1892-1957; Soldiers Discharge Index, 1918-1996; Soldiers Enlistment and Discharges, 1918-1944.

Clerk of the County Court: Miscellaneous Records, 1854-1871.

Justice of the Peace: Records, 1890-1911.

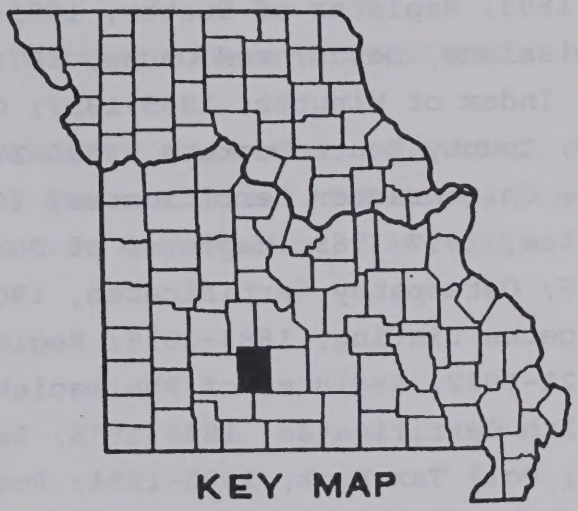
Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1893-1955; Naturalization Records, 1907-1929.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Records, 1892-1928; Wills, 1869-1930.

WEBSTER COUNTY

Organized March 3, 1855, from Greene County and named for Daniel Webster. County seat: Marshfield, 65706.

Courthouse burned in 1863.



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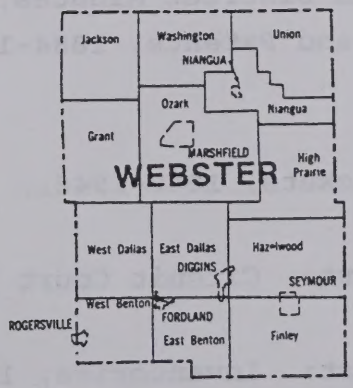


WEBSTER COUNTY

Recorder of Deeds: Index to Deeds, 1855-1993; Deeds, 1855-1886, 1993-1996; Marriages and Index, 1855-1992; Marriage License Register, 1883-1958; Miscellaneous Land Records, (no dates).

Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1884; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1884; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1893; Register of Deaths, 1883-1891; State Census, 1876; Commissions, Bonds, and Oaths, 1874-1912, 1962-1986; County Court Index of Minutes, 1895-1932; County Court Minutes, 1885-1980; County Court Dockets, 1895-1943; County Court Records, 1855-1977; Chiropractor Certificates, 1927-1930; Dentists Certificates, 1897-1969; Register of Dentists and Dental Surgeons, 1883-1896; Osteopathy Certificates, 1901-1926; Physicians and Surgeons Listing, 1883-1896; Register of Nurses and Attendants, 1921-1922; Register of Pharmacists, 1883-1915; State Board of Health Certificates, 1883-1975; Estray and Stray Records, 1875-1910; Poll Tax Book, 1902-1934; Poor Farm Records, 1883-1905; Wards of the County, 1883-1942; Register of Bonds, 1868-1960; Board of Equalization Minutes, 1937-1976; Board of Commissions, Road District Minutes, 1891-1938; Right of Way Conveyance, 1871-1965; Road District Account, 1907-1918; Road Location and Special Road District Minutes, 1900-1907; Survey of Marshfield, 1856; Swampland Patents, 1884-1914; Warrant Register, 1871-1987.

Justice of the Peace: Dockets, 1842-1946.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Records, 1855-1898.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Inventories, 1871-1889; Minutes, 1879-1882; Probate Records, 1856-1898; Settlements, 1871-1890; Wills, 1870-1994.

County Assessor and Collector: Back Taxes, 1873-1932; Collectors

Account Book, 1855-1870; Collectors Cash Book (Delinquent), 1806, 1860-1869; Computer Printouts, 1985-1990; Delinquent Taxes, 1861-1989; Land and Personal Taxes, 1861-1934, 1953-1974; Land and Personal Assessment and Tax Book, 1899-1990; Merchants Licenses and Taxes, 1883-1939; Merchants Taxes, 1925-1984; Railroad Taxes, 1879-1903, 1932-1944; School Land Taxes, 1870-1899; Tax Sales Certificates and Deeds, 1943-1945; Tax Sales Record, 1869-1880, 1934-1953; Transfer to Trustee Records, 1943-1945.

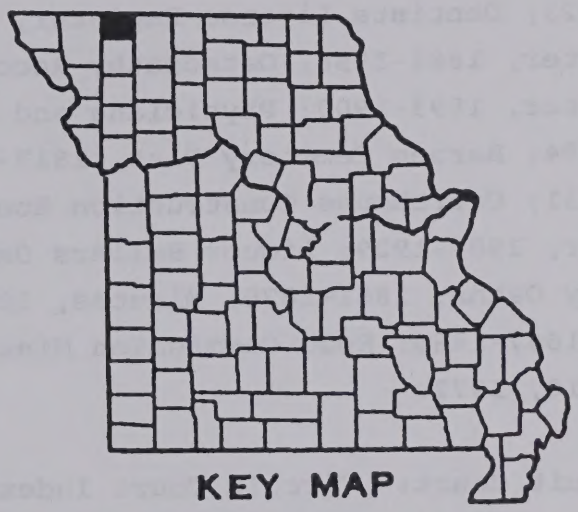
County Coroner: Coroners Record, 1909-1957.

Public School District: Accounts, 1891-1902; Board Minutes, 1855-1908; School Enumerations, 1936-1956; School Registers, 1887-1951; Treasurers Settlements, 1884-1891.

WORTH COUNTY

Organized February 8, 1861 (effective February 25, 1861) from Gentry County and named for William Jenkins Worth, a soldier in the Florida and Mexican wars. County seat: Grant City, 64456.

Courthouse burned February, 1866.



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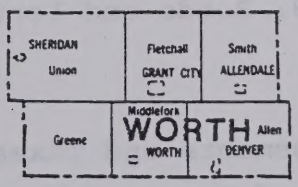

WORTH COUNTY

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Clerk of the County Court: Permanent Record of Births, 1883-1893; Permanent Record of Deaths, 1883-1893; Register of Births and Stillbirths, 1883-1893, Register of Deaths, 1883-1893; State Census, 1876; Swampland Patents, 1867-1882; Attendant and Nurse Register, 1920-1923; Dentists License Register, 1897-1924; Health Certificate Register, 1884-1958; Osteopathy Records, 1903-1935; Pharmacists Register, 1893-1900; Physicians and Surgeons Register, 1874-1894; Barnes Cemetery Plat, 1817-1994; County Ward Register, 1899-1931; Courthouse Construction Bond, 1884-1929; Farm Name Register, 1907-1929; Liquor Sellers Oath and Bonds, 1899-1913; Loyalty Oaths, 1861-1870; Minutes, 1873-1918; Plat of Road Commission, 1867-1889; Road Commission Minutes, 1900-1902; Warrants, 1871-1910, 1972.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1861-1870; Circuit Court Records, 1861-1892.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Probate Record Index, 1861-1949; Probate Records, 1861-1889; Probate Estate Files, (no dates); Appraisements, 1872-1899; Bonds and Letters, 1861-1933; Wills, 1886-1926.

County Collector: Assessments and Taxes, 1877, 1947-1952; Back Taxes, 1864-1950; Land and Personal Taxes, 1862-1946; Merchants Assessments, 1895-1913; Merchants Taxes, 1948-1968; Railroad Taxes, 1910-1956; Record of Sales of Land, 1862-1875; Sales of Delinquent Land (Forfeited to State), 1862-1876; Warrant Register, 1884-1898.

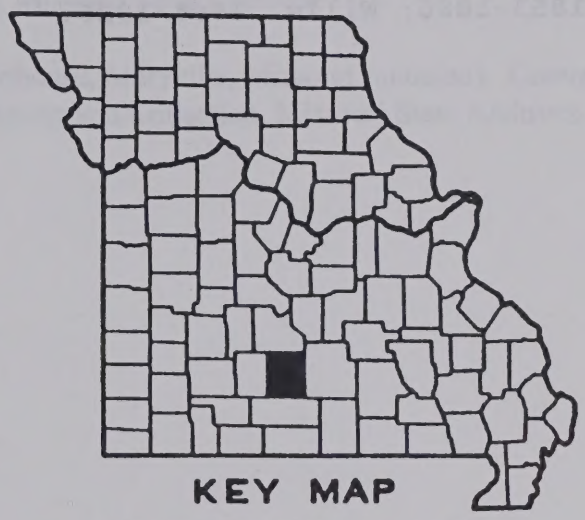
County Superintendent of Schools: Allen School Minutes, 1829-1934; Batson School Records, 1918-1922; School Funds Loaned,

1891-1929.

WRIGHT COUNTY

Organized January 29, 1841, from Pulaski County and named for Silas Wright, a New York senator. County seat: Hartville, 65667.

Courthouse burned in 1862; January 11, 1863; and again in 1896.



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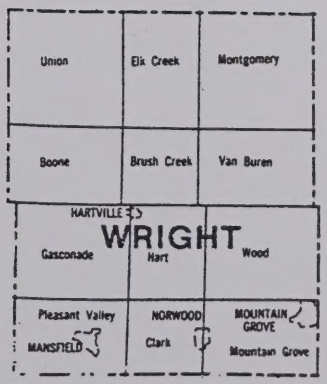

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Clerk of the Circuit Court: Circuit Court Index, 1895-1903.

Clerk of the Probate Court: Bonds, 1872-1928; Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, 1884-1896; Notices, 1872-1889; Probate Records, 1853-1886; Wills, 1864-1926.

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